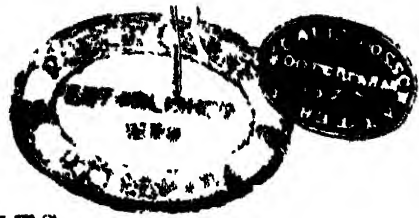


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ACT NO. I OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 15th March 1872.)

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate, define and amend the Law of Evidence ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

PART I.

RELEVANCY OF FACTS.

CHAPTER I.—PRELIMINARY.

Short title. 1. This Act may be called “ The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 :”
It extends to the whole of British India, and applies to all judicial proceedings, in or
Extent. before any Court, including Courts Martial, but not to affidavits presented to any Court or Officer, nor to proceedings before an arbitrator ;

Commencement of Act. and it shall come into force on the first day of September 1872.
Repeal of enactments. 2. On and from that day the following laws shall be repealed :—
(1.) All rules of evidence not contained in any Statute, Act, or Regulation in force in any part of British India :

(2.) All such rules, laws, and regulations as have acquired the force of law under the twenty-fifth section of ‘ The Indian Councils’ Act, 1861,’ in so far as they relate to any matter herein provided for ; and

(3.) The enactments mentioned in the schedule hereto, to the extent specified in the third column of the said schedule.

But nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect any provision of any Statute, Act, or Regulation in force in any part of British India and not hereby expressly repealed.

Interpretation-clause. 3. In this Act the following words and expressions are used in the following senses, unless a contrary intention appears from the context :—

● “ Court.” “ Court” includes all Judges and Magistrates, and all persons, except arbitrators, legally authorized to take evidence.

“ Fact.” “ Fact” means and includes—

(1) any thing, state of things, or relation of things, capable of being perceived by the senses ;

(2) any mental condition of which any person is conscious.

Illustrations.

(a.) That there are certain objects arranged in a certain order in a certain place is a fact.

(b.) That a man heard or saw something is a fact.

(c.) That a man said certain words is a fact.

(d.) That a man holds a certain opinion, has a certain intention, acts in good faith, or fraudulently, or uses a particular word in a particular sense, or is or was at a specified time conscious of a particular sensation, is a fact.

(e.) That a man has a certain reputation is a fact.

One fact is said to be relevant to another when the one is connected with the other in any of the ways referred to in the provisions of this Act relating to the relevancy of facts.

Relevant.
"Facts in issue."

The expression "Facts in issue" means and includes—

any fact from which, either by itself or in connection with other facts, the existence, non-existence, nature, or extent of any right, liability, or disability, asserted or denied in any suit or proceeding, necessarily follows.

Explanation.—Whenever, under the provisions of the law for the time being in force relating to Civil Procedure, any Court records an issue of fact, the fact to be asserted or denied in the answer to such issue, is a fact in issue.

Illustrations.

A is accused of the murder of B.

At his trial the following facts may be in issue :—

That A caused B's death ;

That A intended to cause B's death ;

That A had received grave and sudden provocation from B ;

That A, at the time of doing the act which caused B's death, was, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing its nature.

"Document" means any matter expressed or described upon any substance by means of letters, figures, or marks, or by more than one of those means, intended to be used, or which may be used, for the purpose of recording that matter.

Illustrations.

A writing is a document.

Words printed, lithographed, or photographed are documents.

A map or plan is a document.

An inscription on a metal, plate, or stone is a document.

A caricature is a document.

"Evidence."

"Evidence" means and includes—

(1) all statements which the Court permits or requires to be made before it by witnesses, in relation to matters of fact under inquiry;

such statements are called oral evidence;

(2) all documents produced for the inspection of the Court;

such documents are called documentary evidence.

A fact is said to be proved when, after considering the matters before it, the Court either believes it to exist, or considers its existence so probable that a prudent man ought, under the circumstances of the particular case to act upon the supposition that it exists.

"Proved."

A fact is said to be disproved when, after considering the matters before it, the Court either believes that it does not exist, or considers its non-existence so probable that a prudent man ought, under the circumstances of the particular case, to act upon the supposition that it does not exist.

"Disproved."

"Not proved."

A fact is said not to be proved when it is neither proved nor disproved.

4. Whenever it is provided by this Act that the Court may presume a fact, it may either regard such fact as proved, unless and until it is disproved, or may call for proof of it.

"May presume."

"Shall presume."

Whenever it is directed by this Act that the Court shall presume a fact, it shall regard such fact as proved, unless and until it is disproved.

When one fact is declared by this Act to be conclusive proof of another, the Court shall on proof of the one fact regard the other as proved, and shall not allow evidence to be given for the purpose of disproving it.

"Conclusive proof."

CHAPTER II.—OF THE RELEVANCY OF FACTS.

Evidence may be given of facts in issue and relevant facts.

5. Evidence may be given in any suit or proceeding of the existence or non-existence of every fact in issue and of such other facts as are hereinafter declared to be relevant, and of no others.

Explanation.—This section shall not enable any person to give evidence of a fact which he is disentitled to prove by any provision of the law for the time being in force relating to Civil Procedure.

Illustrations.

(a) A is tried for the murder of B by beating him with a club with the intention of causing his death.

At A's trial the following facts are in issue—

A's beating B with the club ;

A's causing B's death by such beating ;

A's intention to cause B's death.

(b) A suitor does not bring with him, and have in readiness for production at the first hearing of the case, a bond on which he relies. This section does not enable him to produce the bond or prove its contents at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Code of Civil Procedure.

6. Facts which though not in issue, are so connected with a fact in issue as to form part of the same transaction, are relevant, whether they occurred at the same time and place or at different times and places.

Illustrations.

(a) A is accused of the murder of B by beating him. Whatever was said or done by A or B or the by-standers at the beating, or so shortly before or after it as to form part of the transaction, is a relevant fact.

(b) A is accused of waging war against the Queen by taking part in an armed insurrection in which property is destroyed, troops are attacked, and gaols are broken open. The occurrence of these facts is relevant, as forming part of the general transaction, though A may not have been present at all of them.

(c) A sues B for a libel contained in a letter forming part of a correspondence. Letters between the parties relating to the subject out of which the libel arose, and forming part of the correspondence in which it is contained, are relevant facts, though they do not contain the libel itself.

(d) The question is whether certain goods ordered from B were delivered to A. The goods were delivered to several intermediate persons successively. Each delivery is a relevant fact.

7. Facts which are the occasion, cause, or effect, immediate or otherwise, of relevant facts, or facts in issue, or which constitute the state of things under which they happened, or which afforded an opportunity for their occurrence or transaction, are relevant.

Illustrations.

(a) The question is, whether A robbed B.

The facts that, shortly before the robbery, B went to a fair with money in his possession, and that he showed it, or mentioned the fact that he had it, to third persons, are relevant.

(b) The question is, whether A murdered B.

Marks on the ground, produced by a struggle at or near the place where the murder was committed, are relevant facts.

(c) The question is, whether A poisoned B.

The state of B's health before the symptoms ascribed to poison, and habits of B, known to A, which afforded an opportunity for the administration of poison, are relevant facts.

Motive, preparation, and previous or subsequent conduct.

8. Any fact is relevant which shows or constitutes a motive or preparation for any fact in issue or relevant fact.

The conduct of any party, or of any agent to any party, to any suit or proceeding in reference to such suit or proceeding, or in reference to any fact in issue therein or relevant thereto, and the conduct of any person an offence against whom is the subject of any proceeding, is relevant, if such conduct influences or is influenced by any fact in issue or relevant fact, and whether it was previous or subsequent thereto.

Explanation 1.—The word "conduct" in this section does not include statements, unless those statements accompany and explain acts other than statements : but this explanation is not to affect the relevancy of statements under any other section of this Act.

Explanation 2.—When the conduct of any person is relevant, any statement made to him or in his presence and hearing, which affects such conduct, is relevant.

Illustrations

(a.) A is tried for the murder of B.

The facts that A murdered C, that B knew that A had murdered C, and that B had tried to extort money from A by threatening to make his knowledge public, are relevant.

(b.) A sues B upon a bond for the payment of money. B denies the making of the bond.

The fact that, at the time when the bond was alleged to be made, B required money for a particular purpose, is relevant.

(c.) A is tried for the murder of B by poison.

The fact that, before the death of B, A procured poison similar to that which was administered to B, is relevant.

(d.) The question is whether a certain document is the will of A.

The facts that, not long before the date of the alleged will, A made inquiry into matters to which the provisions of the alleged will relate, that he consulted vakils in reference to making the will, and that he caused drafts of other wills to be prepared, of which he did not approve, are relevant.

(e.) A is accused of a crime.

The facts that, either before, or at the time of, or after the alleged crime, A provided evidence which would tend to give to the facts of the case an appearance favorable to himself, or that he destroyed or concealed evidence, or prevented the presence or procured the absence of persons who might have been witnesses, or suborned persons to give false evidence respecting it, are relevant.

(f.) The question is, whether A robbed B.

The facts that, after B was robbed, C said in A's presence—'the police are coming to look for the man who robbed B,'—and that immediately afterwards A ran away, are relevant.

(g.) The question is, whether A owes B rupees 10,000.

The facts that A asked C to lend him money, and that D said to C in A's presence and hearing—'I advise you not to trust A, for he owes B 10,000 rupees,'—and that A went away without making any answer, are relevant facts.

(h.) The question is, whether A committed a crime.

The fact that A absconded after receiving a letter warning him that inquiry was being made for the criminal, and the contents of the letter, are relevant.

(i.) A is accused of a crime.

The facts that, after the commission of the alleged crime, he absconded, or was in possession of property or the proceeds of property acquired by the crime, or attempted to conceal things which were or might have been used in committing it, are relevant.

(j.) The question is, whether A was ravished.

The facts that, shortly after the alleged rape, she made a complaint relating to the crime, the circumstances under which, and the terms in which, the complaint was made, are relevant.

The fact that, without making a complaint, she said that she had been ravished is not relevant as conduct under this section, though it may be relevant

as a dying declaration under section 32 (1), or

as corroborative evidence under section 157.

(k.) The question is, whether A was robbed.

The fact that, soon after the alleged robbery, he made a complaint relating to the offence, the circumstances under which, and the terms in which, the complaint was made, are relevant.

The fact that he said he had been robbed without making any complaint is not relevant as conduct under this section, though it may be relevant

as a dying declaration under section 32, clause (1), or

as corroborative evidence under section 157.

9. Facts necessary to explain or introduce a fact in issue or relevant fact, or which

support or rebut an inference suggested by a fact in issue or relevant fact, or which establish the identity of anything or person whose identity is relevant, or fix the time or place at which any fact in issue or relevant fact happened, or which show the relation of parties by whom any such fact was transacted, are relevant in so far as they are necessary for that purpose.

Facts necessary to explain or introduce relevant facts.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question is, whether a given document is the will of A.

The state of A's property and of his family at the date of the alleged will may be relevant facts.

(b.) A sues B for a libel imputing disgraceful conduct to A. B affirms that the matter alleged to be libellous is true.

The position and relations of the parties at the time when the libel was published may be relevant facts as introductory to the facts in issue.

The particulars of a dispute between A and B about a matter unconnected with the alleged libel are irrelevant, though the fact that there was a dispute may be relevant if it affected the relations between A and B.

(c.) A is accused of a crime.

The fact that, soon after the commission of the crime, A absconded from his house, is relevant under section eight, as conduct subsequent to and affected by facts in issue.

The fact that, at the time when he left home, he had sudden and urgent business at the place to which he went, is relevant as tending to explain the fact that he left home suddenly.

The details of the business on which he left are not relevant, except in so far as they are necessary to show that the business was sudden and urgent.

(d.) A sues B for inducing C to break a contract of service made by him with A. C, on leaving A's service, says to A—'I am leaving you because B has made me a better offer.' This statement is a relevant fact as explanatory of C's conduct, which is relevant as a fact in issue.

(e.) A, accused of theft, is seen to give the stolen property to B, who is seen to give it to A's wife. B says, as he delivers it—'A says you are to hide this.' B's statement is relevant as explanatory of a fact which is part of the transaction.

(f.) A is tried for a riot and is proved to have marched at the head of a mob. The cries of the mob are relevant as explanatory of the nature of the transaction.

10. Where there is reasonable ground to believe that two or more persons have

Things said or done by conspirator in reference to common design. conspired together to commit an offence or an actionable wrong, any thing said, done, or written by any one of such persons in reference to their common intention, after the time when such intention was

first entertained by any one of them, is a relevant fact as against each of the persons believed to be so conspiring, as well for the purpose of proving the existence of the conspiracy as for the purpose of showing that any such person was a party to it.

Illustration.

(a.) Reasonable ground exists for believing that A has joined in a conspiracy to wage war against the Queen.

The facts that B procured arms in Europe for the purpose of the conspiracy, C collected money in Calcutta for a like object, D persuaded persons to join the conspiracy in Bombay, E published writings advocating the object in view at Agra, and F transmitted from Delhi to G at Cabul the money which C had collected at Calcutta, and the contents of a letter written by H giving an account of the conspiracy, are each relevant, both to prove the existence of the conspiracy, and to prove A's complicity in it, although he may have been ignorant of all of them, and although the persons by whom they were done were strangers to him, and although they may have taken place before he joined the conspiracy or after he left it.

When facts not otherwise relevant become relevant. 11. Facts not otherwise relevant are relevant—

(1) if they are inconsistent with any fact in issue or relevant facts ;

(2) if by themselves or in connection with other facts they make the existence or non-existence of any fact in issue or relevant fact highly probable or improbable.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question is, whether A committed a crime at Calcutta on a certain day.

The fact that on that day A was at Lahore is relevant.

The fact that near the time when the crime was committed, A was at a distance from the place where it was committed, which would render it highly improbable, though not impossible, that he committed it, is relevant.

(b.) The question is, whether A committed a crime.

The circumstances are such that the crime must have been committed either by A, B, C, or D. Every fact which shows that the crime could have been committed by no one else and that it was not committed by either B, C, or D, is relevant.

In suits for damages, facts tending to enable Court to determine amount are relevant.

12. In suits in which damages are claimed, any fact which will enable the Court to determine the amount of damages which ought to be awarded is relevant.

Facts relevant when right or custom is in question.

13. Where the question is as to the existence of any right or custom, the following facts are relevant—

(a.) Any transaction by which the right or custom in question was created, claimed, modified, recognized, asserted or denied, or which was inconsistent with its existence.

(b.) Particular instances in which the right or custom was claimed, recognized, or exercised, or in which its exercise was disputed, asserted, or departed from.

Illustration.

The question is, whether A has a right to a fishery. A deed conferring the fishery on A's ancestors, a mortgage of the fishery by A's father, a subsequent grant of the fishery by A's father, irreconcilable with the mortgage, particular instances in which A's father exercised the right, or in which the exercise of the right was stopped by A's neighbours, are relevant facts.

14. Facts showing the existence of any state of mind—such as intention, knowledge,

Fact showing existence of state of mind, or of body or bodily feeling. good faith, negligence, rashness, ill-will or good-will towards any particular person, or showing the existence of any state of body or bodily feeling—are relevant, when the existence of any such state of mind or body or bodily feeling, is in issue or relevant.

Explanation.—A fact relevant as showing the existence of a relevant state of mind must show that it exists, not generally, but in reference to the particular matter in question.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is accused of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen. It is proved that he was in possession of a particular stolen article.

The fact that at the same time he was in possession of many other stolen articles is relevant, as tending to show that he knew each and all of the articles of which he was in possession to be stolen.

(b.) A is accused of fraudulently delivering to another person a piece of counterfeit coin which, at the time when he delivered it, he knew to be counterfeit.

The fact that, at the time of its delivery, A was possessed of a number of other pieces of counterfeit coin, is relevant.

(c.) A sues B for damage done by a dog of B's, which B knew to be ferocious.

The facts that the dog had previously bitten X, Y, and Z, and that they had made complaints to B, are relevant.

(d.) The question is whether A, the acceptor of a bill of exchange, knew that the name of the payee was fictitious.

The fact that A had accepted other bills drawn in the same manner before they could have been transmitted to him by the payee if the payee had been a real person, is relevant, as showing that A knew that the payee was a fictitious person.

(e.) A is accused of defaming B by publishing an imputation intended to harm the reputation of B.

The fact of previous publications by A respecting B, showing ill-will on the part of A towards B, is relevant, as proving A's intention to harm B's reputation by the particular publication in question.

The facts that there was no previous quarrel between A and B, and that A repeated the matter complained of as he heard it, are relevant, as showing that A did not intend to harm the reputation of B.

(f.) A is sued by B for fraudulently representing to B that C was solvent, whereby B, being induced to trust C, who was insolvent, suffered loss.

The fact that, at the time when A represented C to be solvent, C was supposed to be solvent by his neighbours and by persons dealing with him, is relevant, as showing that A made the representation in good faith.

(g.) A is sued by B for the price of work done by B, upon a house of which A is owner, by the order of C, a contractor.

A's defence is that B's contract was with C.

The fact that A paid C for the work in question is relevant, as proving that A did, in good faith, make over to C the management of the work in question, so that C was in a position to contract with B on C's own account, and not as agent for A.

(h.) A is accused of the dishonest misappropriation of property which he had found, and the question is whether, when he appropriated it, he believed in good faith that the real owner could not be found.

The fact that public notice of the loss of the property had been given in the place where A was, is relevant, as showing that A did not in good faith believe that the real owner of the property could not be found.

The fact that A knew, or had reason to believe, that the notice was given fraudulently by C, who had heard of the loss of the property and wished to set up a false claim to it, is relevant, as showing that the fact that A knew of the notice did not disprove A's good faith.

(i.) A is charged with shooting at B with intent to kill him. In order to show A's intent, the fact of A's having previously shot at B may be proved.

(j) A is charged with sending threatening letters to B. Threatening letters previously sent by A to B may be proved, as showing the intention of the letters.

(k.) The question is, whether A has been guilty of cruelty towards B, his wife. Expressions of their feeling towards each other shortly before or after the alleged cruelty, are relevant facts.

(l.) The question is, whether A's death was caused by poison.

Statements made by A during his illness as to his symptoms, are relevant facts.

(m.) The question is, what was the state of A's health at the time when an assurance on his life was effected.

Statements made by A as to the state of his health at or near the time in question, are relevant facts.

(n.) A sues B for negligence in providing him with a carriage for hire not reasonably fit for use, whereby A was injured.

The fact that B's attention was drawn on other occasions to the defect of that particular carriage, is relevant.

The fact that B was habitually negligent about the carriages which he let to hire, is irrelevant.

(o.) A is tried for the murder of B by intentionally shooting him dead.

The fact that A, on other occasions, shot at B is relevant as showing his intention to shoot B.

The fact that A was in the habit of shooting at people with intent to murder them, is irrelevant.

(p.) A is tried for a crime.

The fact that he said something indicating an intention to commit that particular crime, is relevant.

The fact that he said something indicating a general disposition to commit crimes of that class, is irrelevant.

Facts bearing on question whether act was accidental or intentional.

15. When there is a question whether an act was accidental or intentional, the fact that such act formed part of a series of similar occurrences, in each of which the person doing the act was concerned, is relevant.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is accused of burning down his house in order to obtain money for which it is insured.

The facts that A lived in several houses successively, each of which he insured, in each of which a fire occurred, and after each of which fires A received payment from a different insurance office, are relevant, as tending to show that the fires were not accidental.

(b.) A is employed to receive money from the debtors of B. It is A's duty to make entries in a book showing the amounts received by him. He makes an entry showing that on a particular occasion he received less than he really did receive.

The question is, whether this false entry was accidental or intentional.

The facts that other entries made by A in the same book are false, and that the false entry is in each case in favor of A, are relevant.

(c.) A is accused of fraudulently delivering to B a counterfeit rupee.

The question is, whether the delivery of the rupee was accidental.

The facts that soon before or soon after the delivery to B, A delivered counterfeit rupees to C, D, and E are relevant, as showing that the delivery to A was not accidental.

Existence of course of business when relevant.

16. When there is a question whether a particular act was done, the existence of any course of business, according to which it naturally would have been done, is a relevant fact.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question is, whether a particular letter was despatched.

The facts that it was the ordinary course of business for all letters put in a certain place to be carried to the post, and that that particular letter was put in that place, are relevant.

(b.) The question is, whether a particular letter reached A.

The facts that it was posted in due course, and was not returned through the Dead Letter office, are relevant.

ADMISSIONS.

17. An admission is a statement, oral or documentary, which suggests any inference

Admissions defined.

as to any fact in issue or relevant fact, and which is made by any of the persons, and under the circumstances, hereinafter mentioned.

Admission—
by party to proceeding
or his agent;

18. Statements made by a party to the proceeding, or by an agent to any such party, whom the Court regards, under the circumstances of the case, as expressly or impliedly authorized by him to make them, are admissions.

by suitor in representative character.

• by party interested in subject-matter;

in their character of persons so interested, or

by person from whom interest derived.

Admissions by persons whose position must be proved as against party to suit.

is subject to such liability.

Statements made by parties to suits suing or sued in a representative character are not admissions, unless they were made while the party making them held that character.

Statements made by—

(1) persons who have any proprietary or pecuniary interest in the subject-matter of the proceeding, and who make the statement

are admissions if they are made during the continuance of the interest of the persons making the statements.

(2) persons from whom the parties to the suit have derived their interest in the subject-matter of the suit,

are admissions if they are made during the continuance of the interest of the persons making the statements.

19. Statements made by persons whose position or liability it is necessary to prove as

against any party to the suit, are admissions if such statements would be relevant as against such persons in relation to such position or liability in a suit brought by or against them, and if they are made while the person making them occupies such position or

Illustration.

A undertakes to collect rents for B.

B sues A for not collecting rent due from C to B.

A denies that rent was due from C to B.

A statement by C that he owed B rent is an admission, and is a relevant fact as against A, if A denies that C did owe rent to B.

Admissions by persons expressly referred to by party to suit.

20. Statements made by persons to whom a party to the suit has expressly referred for information in reference to a matter in dispute are admissions.

Illustration.

The question is, whether a horse sold by A to B is sound.

A says to B—'Go and ask C, C knows all about it.' C's statement is an admission.

Relevancy of admissions against or in behalf of persons concerned.

21. Admissions are relevant and may be proved as against the person who makes them, or his representative in interest; but they cannot be proved by or on behalf of the person who makes them or by his representative in interest, except in the following cases:—

(1.) An admission may be proved by or on behalf of the person making it when it is of such a nature that, if the person making it were dead, it would be relevant as between third persons under section thirty-two.

(2.) An admission may be proved by or on behalf of the person making it when it consists of a statement of the existence of any state of mind or body, relevant or in issue, made at or about the time when such state of mind or body existed, and is accompanied by conduct rendering its falsehood improbable.

(3.) An admission may be proved by or on behalf of the person making it if it is relevant otherwise than as an admission.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question between A and B is, whether a certain deed is or is not forged. A affirms that it is genuine, B that it is forged.

A may prove a statement by B that the deed is genuine, and B may prove a statement by A that the deed is forged; but A cannot prove a statement by himself that the deed is genuine, nor can B prove a statement by himself that the deed is forged.

(b.) A, the Captain of a ship, is tried for casting her away.

Evidence is given to show that the ship was taken out of her proper course.

A produces a book kept by him in the ordinary course of his business, showing observation alleged to have been taken by him from day to day, and indicating that the ship was not taken out of her proper course. A may prove these statements, because they would be admissible between third parties if he were dead under section thirty-two, clause (2).

(c.) A is accused of a crime committed by him at Calcutta.

He produces a letter written by himself and dated at Lahore on that day and bearing the Lahore post-mark of that day

The statement in the date of the letter is admissible, because, if A were dead, it would be admissible under section thirty-two, clause (2.)

(d.) A is accused of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

He offers to prove that he refused to sell them below their value.

A may prove these statements, though they are admissions, because they are explanatory of conduct influenced by facts in issue.

(e.) A is accused of fraudulently having in his possession counterfeit coin which he knew to be counterfeit.

He offers to prove that he asked a skilful person to examine the coin, as he doubted whether it was counterfeit or not, and that that person did examine it and told him it was genuine.

A may prove these facts for the reasons stated in the last preceding illustration.

22. Oral admissions as to the contents of a document are not relevant, unless and

When oral admissions as to contents of documents are relevant.

until the party proposing to prove them shows that he is entitled to give secondary evidence of the contents of such document under the rules hereinafter contained, or unless the genuineness of a document

produced is in question.

23. In civil cases no admission is relevant, if it is made either upon an express

Admissions in civil cases when relevant.

condition that evidence of it is not to be given, or under circumstances from which the Court can infer that the parties agreed together that evidence of it should not be given.

Explanation.—Nothing in this section shall be taken to exempt any barrister, pleader, attorney, or vakil from giving evidence of any matter of which he may be compelled to give evidence under section 126.

24. A confession made by an accused person is irrelevant in a criminal proceeding, if

Confession caused by inducement, threat, or promise, irrelevant.

the making of the confession appears to the Court to have been caused by any inducement, threat, or promise, having reference to the charge against the accused person, proceeding from a person in authority, and sufficient, in the opinion of the Court, to give the accused person grounds, which would appear to him reasonable, for supposing that by making it he would gain any advantage or avoid any evil of a temporal nature in reference to the proceedings against him.

Confession made to a Police officer not to be used as evidence.

25. No confession made to a Police officer shall be proved as against a person accused of any offence.

Confession made by accused while in custody of Police not to be used as evidence.

26. No confession made by any person whilst he is in the custody of a Police officer, unless it be made in the immediate presence of a Magistrate, shall be proved as against such person.

So much of statement or confession made by accused as relates to fact thereby discovered, may be proved.

27. Provided that, when any fact is deposed to as discovered in consequence of information received from a person accused of any offence, in the custody of a Police officer, so much of such information, whether it amounts to a confession or not, as relates distinctly to the fact thereby discovered, may be proved.

Confession made after removal of impression caused by inducement, threat, or promise, relevant.

28. If such a confession as is referred to in section 24 is made after the impression caused by any such inducement, threat, or promise has, in the opinion of the Court, been fully removed, it is relevant.

29. If such a confession is otherwise relevant, it does not become irrelevant merely

Confession otherwise relevant not to become irrelevant because of promise of secrecy, &c.

because it was made under a promise of secrecy, or in consequence of a deception practised on the accused person for the purpose of obtaining it, or when he was drunk, or because it was made in answer to questions which he need not have answered, whatever may have been the form of those questions, or because he was not warned that he was not bound to make such confession, and that evidence of it might be given against him.

Consideration of proved confession affecting person making it and others jointly under trial for same offence.

30. When more persons than one are being tried jointly for the same offence, and a confession made by one of such persons affecting himself and some other of such persons is proved, the Court may take into consideration such confession as against such other person as well as against the person who makes such confession.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B are jointly tried for the murder of C. It is proved that A said,—“B and I murdered C.” The Court may consider the effect of this confession as against B.

(b.) A is on his trial for the murder of C. There is evidence to show that C was murdered by A and B, and that B said,—“A and I murdered C.”

This statement may not be taken into consideration by the Court against A, as B is not being jointly tried.

* Admissions not conclusive proof, but may estop. contained.

31. Admissions are not conclusive proof of the matters admitted, but they may operate as estoppels under the provisions hereinafter

STATEMENTS BY PERSONS WHO CANNOT BE CALLED AS WITNESSES.

Cases in which statement of relevant fact by person who is dead or cannot be found, &c., is relevant.

32. Statements, written or verbal, of relevant facts made by a person who is dead, or who cannot be found, or who has become incapable of giving evidence, or whose attendance cannot be procured without an amount of delay or expense which, under the circumstances of the case, appears to the Court unreasonable, are

themselves relevant facts in the following cases :—

(1.) When the statement is made by a person, as to the cause of his death, or as to any of the circumstances of the transaction which resulted in his death, in cases in which the cause of that person's death comes into question.

Such statements are relevant whether the person who made them was or was not, at the time when they were made, under expectation of death, and whatever may be the nature of the proceeding in which the cause of his death comes into question.

(2.) When the statement was made by such person in the ordinary course of business, and in particular when it consists of any entry or memorandum made by him in books kept in the ordinary course of business, or in the discharge of professional duty ; or of an acknowledgment written or signed by him of the receipt of money, goods, securities, or property of any kind ; or of a document used in commerce written, or signed by him, or of the date of a letter or other document usually dated, written or signed by him.

or against interest of maker ;
(3.) When the statement is against the pecuniary or proprietary interest of the person making it, or when, if true, it would expose him or would have exposed him to a criminal prosecution or to a suit for damages.

(4.) When the statement gives the opinion of any such person, as to the existence of any public right or custom or matter of public or general interest, of the existence of which, if it existed, he would have been likely to be aware, and when such statement was made before any controversy as to such right, custom, or matter had arisen.

(5.) When the statement relates to the existence of any relationship between persons as to whose relationship the person making the statement had special means of knowledge, and when the statement was made before the question in dispute was raised.

(6.) When the statement relates to the existence of any relationship between persons deceased, and is made in any will or deed relating to the affairs of the family to which any such deceased person belonged, or in any family pedigree, or upon any tombstone, family portrait, or other thing on which such statements are usually made, and when such statement was made before the question in dispute was raised.

or is made in will or deed of deceased person ;
(7.) When the statement is contained in any deed, will, or other document which relates to any such transaction as is mentioned in section thirteen, clause (a).

or relates to transaction mentioned in section 13, clause (a) ;
(8.) When the statement was made by a number of persons, and expressed feelings or impressions on their part relevant to the matter in question.

Illustrations.

(a) The question is, whether A was murdered by B ; or

A dies of injuries received in a transaction in the course of which she was ravished. The question is whether she was ravished by B ; or

The question is, whether A was killed by B under such circumstances that a suit would lie against B by A's widow.

Statements made by A as to the cause of his or her death, referring respectively to the murder, the rape, and the actionable wrong under consideration, are relevant facts.

(b.) The question is as to the date of A's birth.

An entry in the diary of a deceased surgeon, regularly kept in the course of business, stating that, on a given day, he attended A's mother and delivered her of a son, is a relevant fact.

(c.) The question is, whether A was in Calcutta on a given day.

A statement in the diary of a deceased solicitor, regularly kept in the course of business, that, on a given day, the solicitor attended A at a place mentioned in Calcutta for the purpose of conferring with him upon specified business, is a relevant fact.

(d.) The question is, whether a ship sailed from Bombay harbour on a given day.

A letter written by a deceased member of a merchant's firm, by which she was chartered, to their correspondents in London to whom the cargo was consigned, stating that the ship sailed on a given day from Bombay harbour, is a relevant fact.

(e.) The question is, whether rent was paid to A for certain land.

A letter from A's deceased agent to A saying that he had received the rent on A's account and held it at A's orders, is a relevant fact.

(f.) The question is, whether A and B were legally married.

The statement of a deceased clergyman that he married them under such circumstances that the celebration would be a crime, is relevant.

(g.) The question is, whether A, a person who cannot be found, wrote a letter on a certain day. The fact that a letter written by him is dated on that day, is relevant.

(h.) The question is, what was the cause of the wreck of a ship.

A protest made by the captain, whose attendance cannot be procured, is a relevant fact.

(i.) The question is, whether a given road is a public way.

A statement by A, a deceased headman of the village, that the road was public, is a relevant fact.

(j.) The question is, what was the price of grain on a certain day in a particular market.

A statement of the price, made by a deceased banyan in the ordinary course of his business, is a relevant fact.

(k.) The question is, whether A, who is dead, was the father of B.

A statement by A that B was his son, is a relevant fact.

(l.) The question is, what was the date of the birth of A.

A letter from A's deceased father to a friend, announcing the birth of A on a given day, is a relevant fact.

(m.) The question is, whether, and when, A and B were married.

An entry in a memorandum book by C, the deceased father of B, of his daughter's marriage with A at a given date, is a relevant fact.

(n.) A sues B for a libel expressed in a painted caricature exposed in a shop window. The question is as to the similarity of the caricature and its libellous character. The remarks of a crowd of spectators on these points may be proved.

33. Evidence given by a witness in a judicial proceeding, or before any person authorised by law to take it, is relevant for the purpose of proving, Evidence in a former judicial proceeding when relevant, in a subsequent judicial proceeding, or in a later stage of the same judicial proceeding, the truth of the facts which it states, when the witness is dead or cannot be found, or is incapable of giving evidence, or is kept out of the way by the adverse party, or if his presence cannot be obtained without an amount of delay or expense which, under the circumstances of the case, the Court considers unreasonable :

Provided

that the proceeding was between the same parties or their representatives in interest ;

that the adverse party in the first proceeding had the right and opportunity to cross-examine ;

that the questions in issue were substantially the same in the first as in the second proceeding.

Explanation.—A criminal trial or enquiry shall be deemed to be a proceeding between the prosecutor and the accused within the meaning of this section.

STATEMENTS MADE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

34. Entries in books of account, regularly kept in the course of business, are relevant

Entries in books of account when relevant.

whenever they refer to a matter into which the Court has to enquire, but such statements shall not alone be sufficient evidence to charge any person with liability.

Illustration.

A sues B for Rs. 1,000 and shows entries in his account books showing B to be indebted to him to this amount. The entries are relevant, but are not sufficient without other evidence to prove the debt.

35. An entry in any public or other official book, register, or record, stating a fact in issue or relevant fact and made by a public servant in the discharge of his official duty, or by any other person in performance of a duty specially enjoined by the law of the country in which such book, register, or record is kept, is itself a relevant fact.
- Entry in public record, made in performance of duty enjoined by law, when relevant.
36. Statements of facts in issue or relevant facts, made in published maps or charts generally offered for public sale, or in maps or plans made under the authority of Government, as to matters usually represented or stated in such maps, charts, or plans, are themselves relevant facts.
- Maps and plans when relevant.
37. When the Court has to form an opinion as to the existence of any fact of a public nature, any statement of it, made in a recital contained in any Act of Parliament or in any Act of the Governor-General of India in Council, or of the Governors in Council of Madras or Bombay, or of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of Bengal, or in a notification of the Government appearing in the *Gazette of India*, or in the *Gazette* of any Local Government, or in any printed paper purporting to be the *London Gazette* or the Government Gazette of any colony or possession of the Queen, is a relevant fact.
- Statement as to fact of public nature contained in any Act or Notification of Government, when relevant.
38. When the Court has to form an opinion as to a law of any country, any statement of such law contained in a book purporting to be printed or published under the authority of the Government of such country and to contain any such law, and any report of a ruling of the Courts of such country contained in a book purporting to be a report of such rulings, is relevant.
- Statements in law-books.

HOW MUCH OF A STATEMENT IS TO BE PROVED.

39. When any statement of which evidence is given forms part of a longer statement, or of a conversation or part of an isolated document, or is contained in a document which forms part of a book, or of a connected series of letters or papers, evidence shall be given of so much and no more of the statement, conversation, document, book, or series of letters or papers as the Court considers necessary in that particular case to the full understanding of the nature and effect of the statement, and of the circumstances under which it was made.
- What evidence to be given when statement forms part of a conversation, document, book, or series of letters or papers.

JUDGMENTS OF COURTS OF JUSTICE WHEN RELEVANT.

40. The existence of any judgment, order or decree which by law prevents any Court from taking cognizance of a suit or holding a trial, is a relevant fact when the question is whether such Court ought to take cognizance of such suit, or to hold such trial.
- Previous judgments relevant to bar a second suit or trial.
41. A final judgment, order or decree of a competent Court, in the exercise of probate, matrimonial, admiralty or insolvency jurisdiction, which confers upon or takes away from any person any legal character, or which declares any person to be entitled to any such character, or to be entitled to any specific thing, not as against any specified person but absolutely, is relevant when the existence of any such legal character, or the title of any such person to any such thing, is relevant.
- Judgments in probate, &c., jurisdiction.
- Such judgment, order, or decree is conclusive proof,
that any legal character, which it confers accrued at the time when such judgment, order, or decree came into operation ;
that any legal character, to which it declares any such person to be entitled, accrued to that person at the time when such judgment declares it to have accrued to that person ;
that any legal character which it takes away from any such person ceased at the time from which such judgment declared that it had ceased or should cease ;
and that any thing to which it declares any person to be so entitled was the property of that person at the time from which such judgment declares that it had been or should be his property.

Judgment, order or decree between third parties when irrelevant and when not.

42. Judgments, orders or decrees, other than those mentioned in section 41, are relevant if they relate to matters of a public nature relevant to the enquiry; but such judgments, orders, or decrees are not conclusive proof of that which they state.

Illustration.

A sues B for trespass on his land. B alleges the existence of a public right of way over the land, which A denies.

The existence of a decree in favor of the defendant, in a suit by A against C for a trespass on the same land in which C alleged the existence of the same right of way, is relevant, but it is not conclusive proof that the right of way exists.

43. Judgments, orders, or decrees, other than those mentioned in sections 40, 41, and 42, are irrelevant, unless the existence of such judgment, order, or decree, is a fact in issue, or is relevant under some other provision of this Act.

What judgments, &c., not relevant.

Illustrations.

(a) A and B separately sue C for a libel which reflects upon each of them. C in each case says that the matter alleged to be libellous is true, and the circumstances are such that it is probably true in each case, or in neither.

A obtains a decree against C for damages on the ground that C failed to make out his justification. The fact is irrelevant as between B and C.

(b.) A prosecutes B for adultery with C, A's wife.

B denies that C is A's wife, but the Court convicts B of adultery.

Afterwards, C is prosecuted for bigamy in marrying B during A's life-time. C says that she never was B's wife.

The judgment against B is irrelevant as against C.

(c.) A prosecutes B for stealing a cow from him. B is convicted.

A, afterwards, sues C for the cow, which B had sold to him before his conviction. As between A and C, the judgment against B is irrelevant.

(d.) A has obtained a decree for the possession of land against B. C, B's son, murders A in consequence.

The existence of the judgment is relevant, as showing motive for a crime.

44. Any party to a suit or other proceeding may show that any judgment, order, or decree which is relevant under section 40, 41, or 42, and which has been proved by the adverse party, was delivered by a Court not competent to deliver it, or was obtained by fraud or collusion.

Fraud, collusion, and incompetency of Court may be proved.

OPINIONS OF THIRD PERSONS WHEN RELEVANT.

45. When the Court has to form an opinion upon a point of foreign law, or of science or art, or as to identity of handwriting, the opinions upon that point of persons especially skilled in such foreign law, science, or art, are relevant facts.

Such persons are called experts.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question is, whether the death of A was caused by poison.

The opinions of experts as to the symptoms produced by the poison by which A is supposed to have died, are relevant.

(b.) The question is, whether A, at the time of doing a certain act, was, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing the nature of the act, or that he was doing what was either wrong or contrary to law.

The opinions of experts upon the question whether the symptoms exhibited by A commonly show unsoundness of mind, and whether such unsoundness of mind usually renders persons incapable of knowing the nature of the acts which they do, or of knowing that what they do is either wrong or contrary to law, are relevant.

(c.) The question is, whether a certain document was written by A. Another document is produced which is proved or admitted to have been written by A.

The opinions of experts on the question whether the two documents were written by the same person or by different persons, are relevant.

Facts bearing upon opinions of experts.

46. Facts, not otherwise relevant, are relevant if they support or are inconsistent with the opinions of experts, when such opinions are relevant.

Illustrations.

• (a) The question is, whether A was poisoned by a certain poison. The fact that other persons, who were poisoned by that poison, exhibited certain symptoms which experts affirm or deny to be the symptoms of that poison, is relevant.

(b). The question is, whether an obstruction to a harbour is caused by a certain sea wall. The fact that other harbours similarly situated in other respects, but where there were no such sea walls, began to be obstructed at about the same time, is relevant.

47. When the Court has to form an opinion as to the persons by whom any document was written or signed, the opinion of any person acquainted with the handwriting of the person by whom it is supposed to be written or signed that it was or was not written or signed by that person, is a relevant fact.

Explanation.—A person is said to be acquainted with the handwriting of another person when he has seen that person write, or when he has received documents purporting to be written by that person in answer to documents written by himself or under his authority and addressed to that person, or when, in the ordinary course of business, documents purporting to be written by that person have been habitually submitted to him.

Illustration.

The question is, whether a given letter is in the handwriting of A, a merchant in London.

B is a merchant in Calcutta, who has written letters addressed to A and received letters purporting to be written by him. C is B's clerk, whose duty it was to examine and file B's correspondence. D is B's broker, to whom B habitually submitted the letters purporting to be written by A for the purpose of advising with him thereon.

The opinions of B, C, and D on the question whether the letter is in the handwriting of A are relevant, though neither B, C, nor D ever saw A write.

48. When the Court has to form an opinion as to the existence of any general custom or right, the opinions, as to the existence of such custom or right, of persons who would be likely to know of its existence if it existed, are relevant.

Explanation.—The expression 'general custom or right' includes customs or rights common to any considerable class of persons.

Illustration.

The right of the villagers of a particular village to use the water of a particular well is a general right within the meaning of this section.

Opinions as to usages, tenets, &c., when relevant.

49. When the Court has to form an opinion as to—
the usages and tenets of any body of men or family,
the constitution and government of any religious or charitable foundation, or
the meaning of words or terms used in particular districts or by particular classes of people,

the opinions of persons having special means of knowledge thereon, are relevant facts.

50. When the Court has to form an opinion as to the relationship of one person to another, the opinion, expressed by conduct, as to the existence of such relationship, of any person who, as a member of the family or otherwise, has special means of knowledge on the subject, is a relevant fact: Provided that such opinion shall not be sufficient to prove a marriage in proceedings under the Indian Divorce Act, or in prosecutions under Section 494, 495, 497, or 498 of the Indian Penal Code.

Opinion on relationship when relevant.

Illustrations.

(a.) The question is, whether A and B were married.

The fact that they were usually received and treated by their friends as husband and wife, is relevant.

(b.) The question is, whether A was the legitimate son of B. The fact that A was always treated as such by members of the family, is relevant.

Grounds of opinion when relevant.

51. Whenever the opinion of any living person is relevant, the grounds on which such opinion is based are also relevant.

Illustration,

An expert may give an account of experiments performed by him for the purpose of forming his opinion.

CHARACTER WHEN RELEVANT.

52. In civil cases, the fact that the character of any person concerned is such as to render probable or improbable any conduct imputed to him, is irrelevant, except in so far as such character appears from facts otherwise relevant.

In civil cases, character to prove conduct imputed irrelevant.

53. In criminal proceedings, the fact that the person accused is of a good character, is relevant.

54. In criminal proceedings, the fact that the accused person has been previously convicted of any offence is relevant; but the fact that he has a bad character is irrelevant, unless evidence has been given that he has a good character, in which case it becomes relevant.

Previous conviction in criminal trials relevant, but not previous bad character, except in reply.

Explanation.—This section does not apply to cases in which the bad character of any person is itself a fact in issue.

55. In civil cases, the fact that the character of any person is such as to affect the amount of damages which he ought to receive, is relevant.

Character as affecting damages.

Explanation.—In Sections 52, 53, 54, and 55, the word ‘character’ includes both reputation and disposition; but evidence may be given only of general reputation and general disposition, and not of particular acts by which reputation or disposition was shown.

PART II.

ON PROOF.

CHAPTER III.—FACTS WHICH NEED NOT BE PROVED.

56. No fact of which the Court will take judicial notice need be proved.

57. The Court shall take judicial notice of the following facts:—

(1.) All laws or rules having the force of law now or heretofore in force or hereafter to be in force in any part of British India:

(2.) All public Acts passed or hereafter to be passed by Parliament, and all local and personal Acts directed by Parliament to be judicially noticed:

(3.) Articles of War for Her Majesty’s Army or Navy:

(4.) The course of proceeding of Parliament and of the Councils for the purposes of making Laws and Regulations established under the Indian Councils’ Act, or any other law for the time being relating thereto.

Explanation.—The word ‘Parliament,’ in clauses (2) and (4), includes—

1. The Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland;

2. The Parliament of Great Britain;

3. The Parliament of England;

4. The Parliament of Scotland, and

5. The Parliament of Ireland.

(5.) The accession and the sign manual of the Sovereign for the time being of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland:

(6.) All seals of which English Courts take judicial notice: the seals of all the Courts of British India, and of all Courts out of British India, established by the authority of the Governor-General or any Local Government in Council: the seals of Courts of Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction and of Notaries public, and all seals which any person is authorized to use by any Act of Parliament or other Act or Regulation having the force of law in British India:

(7.) The accession to office, names, titles, functions, and signatures of the persons filling for the time being any public office in any part of British India, if the fact of their appointment to such office is notified in the *Gazette of India*, or in the official *Gazette* of any Local Government:

(8.) The existence, title, and national flag of every State or Sovereign recognized by the British Crown:

(9.) The divisions of time, the geographical divisions of the world, and public festivals, fasts, and holidays notified in the official Gazette :

(10.) The territories under the dominion of the British Crown :

(11.) The commencement, continuance, and termination of hostilities between the British Crown and any other State or body of persons :

(12.) The names of the members and officers of the Court, and of their deputies and subordinate officers and assistants, and also of all officers acting in execution of its process, and of all advocates, attorneys, proctors, vakils, pleaders, and other persons authorized by law to appear or act before it :

(13.) The rule of the road.

In all these cases, and also on all matters of public history, literature, science, or art the Court may resort for its aid to appropriate books or documents of reference.

If the Court is called upon by any person to take judicial notice of any fact, it may refuse to do so, unless and until such person produces any such book or document as it may consider necessary to enable it to do so.

58. No fact need be proved in any proceeding which the parties thereto or their agents agree to admit at the hearing, or which, before the hearing, they agree to admit by any writing under their hands, or which by any rule of pleading in force at the time they are deemed to have admitted by their pleadings : Provided that the Court may, in its discretion, require the facts admitted to be proved otherwise than by such admissions.

CHAPTER IV.—OF ORAL EVIDENCE.

Proof of facts by oral evidence. 59. All facts, except the contents of documents, may be proved by oral evidence.

Oral evidence must be direct. 60. Oral evidence must, in all cases, whatever, be direct ; That is to say—

If it refers to a fact which could be seen, it must be the evidence of a witness who says he saw it ;

If it refers to a fact which could be heard, it must be the evidence of a witness who says he heard it ;

If it refers to a fact which could be perceived by any other sense or in any other manner, it must be the evidence of a witness who says he perceived it by that sense or in that manner ;

If it refers to an opinion or to the grounds on which that opinion is held, it must be the evidence of the person who holds that opinion on those grounds .

Provided that the opinions of experts expressed in any treatise commonly offered for sale, and the grounds on which such opinions are held, may be proved by the production of such treatises if the author is dead or cannot be found, or has become incapable of giving evidence, or cannot be called as a witness without an amount of delay or expense which the Court regards as unreasonable ;

Provided also that, if oral evidence refers to the existence or condition of any material thing other than a document, the Court may, if it thinks fit, require the production of such material thing for its inspection.

CHAPTER V.—OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

Proof of contents of documents. 61. The contents of documents may be proved either by primary or by secondary evidence.

Primary evidence 62. Primary evidence means the document itself produced for the inspection of the Court.

Explanation 1.—Where a document is executed in several parts, each part is primary evidence of the document :

Where a document is executed in counterpart, each counterpart being executed by one or some of the parties only, each counterpart is primary evidence as against the parties executing it.

Explanation 2.—Where a number of documents are all made by one uniform process, as in the case of printing, lithography, or photography, each is primary evidence of the contents of the rest ; but where they are all copies of a common original, they are not primary evidence of the contents of the original.

Illustration.

A person is shown to have been in possession of a number of placards, all printed at one time from one original. Any one of the placards is primary evidence of the contents of any other, but no one of them is primary evidence of the contents of the original.

Secondary evidence.

63. Secondary evidence means and includes—

- (1.) Certified copies given under the provisions hereinafter contained;
- (2.) Copies made from the original by mechanical processes which in themselves insure the accuracy of the copy, and copies compared with such copies;
- (3.) Copies made from or compared with the original;
- (4.) Counterparts of documents as against the parties who did not execute them;
- (5.) Oral accounts of the contents of a document given by some person who has himself seen it.

Illustrations.

(a.) A photograph of an original is secondary evidence of its contents, though the two have not been compared, if it is proved that the thing photographed was the original.

(b.) A copy compared with a copy of a letter made by a copying machine is secondary evidence of the contents of the letter, if it is shown that the copy made by the copying machine was made from the original.

(c.) A copy transcribed from a copy, but afterwards compared with the original, is secondary evidence; but the copy not so compared is not secondary evidence of the original, although the copy from which it was transcribed was compared with the original.

(d.) Neither an oral account of a copy compared with the original, nor an oral account of a photograph or machine-copy of the original, is secondary evidence of the original.

Proof of documents by primary evidence.

64. Documents must be proved by primary evidence except in the cases hereinafter mentioned.

Cases in which secondary evidence relating to documents may be given.

65. Secondary evidence may be given of the existence, condition, or contents of a document in the following cases:—

(a.) When the original is shown or appears to be in the possession or power of the person against whom the document is sought to be proved, or of any person out of reach of, or not subject to, the process of the Court, or of any person legally bound to produce it, and when, after the notice mentioned in section sixty-six, such person does not produce it;

(b.) When the existence, condition, or contents of the original have been proved to be admitted in writing by the person against whom it is proved or by his representative in interest;

(c.) When the original has been destroyed or lost, or when the party offering evidence of its contents cannot, for any other reason not arising from his own default or neglect, produce it in reasonable time;

(d.) When the original is of such a nature as not to be easily moveable;

(e.) When the original is a public document within the meaning of section seventy-four;

(f.) When the original is a document of which a certified copy is permitted by this Act, or by any other law in force in British India, to be given in evidence;

(g.) When the originals consist of numerous accounts or other documents which cannot conveniently be examined in Court, and the fact to be proved is the general result of the whole collection.

In cases (a), (c), and (d), any secondary evidence of the contents of the document is admissible.

In case (b), the written admission is admissible.

In case (e) or (f), a certified copy of the document, but no other kind of secondary evidence, is admissible.

In case (g), evidence may be given as to the general result of the documents by any person who has examined them, and who is skilled in the examination of such documents.

66. Secondary evidence of the contents of the documents referred to in section sixty-five, clause (a), shall not be given unless the party proposing to give such secondary evidence has previously given to the party in whose possession or power the document is, such notice to produce

Rules as to notice to produce.

it as is prescribed by law; and if no notice is prescribed by law, then such notice as the Court considers reasonable under the circumstances of the case:

Provided, that such notice shall not be required in order to render secondary evidence admissible in any of the following cases, or in any other case in which the Court thinks fit to dispense with it:—

- (1.) When the document to be proved is itself a notice;
- (2.) When, from the nature of the case, the adverse party must know that he will be required to produce it;
- (3.) When it appears or is proved that the adverse party has obtained possession of the original by fraud or force;
- (4.) When the adverse party or his agent has the original in Court;
- (5.) When the adverse party or his agent has admitted the loss of the document;
- (6.) When the person in possession of the document is out of reach of, or not subject to, the process of the Court.

67. If a document is alleged to be signed or to have been written wholly or in part by any person, the signature or the handwriting of so much of the document as is alleged to be in that person's handwriting must be proved to be in his handwriting.

68. If a document is required by law to be attested, it shall not be used as evidence until one attesting witness at least has been called for the purpose of proving its execution, if there be an attesting witness alive and subject to the process of the Court and capable of giving evidence.

69. If no such attesting witness can be found, or if the document purports to have been executed in the United Kingdom, it must be proved that the attestation of one attesting witness at least is in his handwriting, and that the signature of the person executing the document is in the handwriting of that person.

Admission of execution by party to attested document.

70. The admission of a party to an attested document of its execution by himself shall be sufficient proof of its execution as against him, though it be a document required by law to be attested.

Proof when attesting witness denies the execution.

71. If the attesting witness denies or does not recollect the execution of the document, its execution may be proved by other evidence.

Proof of document not required by law to be attested.

72. An attested document not required by law to be attested may be proved as if it was unattested.

73. In order to ascertain whether a signature, writing, or seal is that of the person by whom it purports to have been written or made, any signature, writing, or seal admitted or proved to the satisfaction of the Court to have been written or made by that person may be compared with the one which is to be proved, although that signature, writing, or seal has not been produced or proved for any other purpose.

The Court may direct any person present in Court to write any words or figures for the purpose of enabling the Court to compare the words or figures so written with any words or figures alleged to have been written by such person.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Public documents.

74. The following documents are public documents:—

1. Documents forming the Acts, or records of the Acts—
 - (i) of the sovereign authority,
 - (ii) of official bodies and tribunals, and
 - (iii) of public officers, legislative, judicial, and executive, whether of British India, or of any other part of Her Majesty's dominions, or of a foreign country.

2. Public records kept in British India of private documents.

Private documents.

75. All other documents are private.

76. Every public officer having the custody of a public document, which any person has a right to inspect, shall give that person on demand a copy of it on payment of the legal fees therefor, together with a certificate written at the foot of such copy that it is a true copy of such

Certified copies of public documents.

document or part thereof as the case may be, and such certificate shall be dated and subscribed by such officer with his name and his official title, and shall be sealed, whenever such officer is authorized by law to make use of a seal, and such copies so certified shall be called certified copies.

Explanation.—Any officer who, by the ordinary course of official duty, is authorized to deliver such copies, shall be deemed to have the custody of such documents within the meaning of this section.

Production of such copies.

77. Such certified copies may be produced in proof of the contents of the public documents or parts of the public documents of which they purport to be copies.

Proof of other official documents.

78. The following public documents may be proved as follows :—

(1.) Acts, orders, or notifications of the Executive Government of British India in any of its departments, or of any Local Government or any department of any Local Government,

by the records of the departments certified by the heads of those departments respectively,

or by any document purporting to be printed by order of any such Government :

(2.) The proceedings of the Legislatures,

by the journals of those bodies respectively, or by published Acts or abstracts or by copies purporting to be printed by order of Government :

(3.) Proclamations, orders, or regulations issued by Her Majesty or by the Privy Council, or by any department of Her Majesty's Government,

by copies or extracts contained in the *London Gazette*, or purporting to be printed by the Queen's Printer :

(4.) The Acts of the Executive or the proceedings of the Legislature of a foreign country,

by journals published by their authority, or commonly received in that country as such, or by a copy certified under the seal of the country or sovereign, or by a recognition thereof in some public Act of the Governor-General of India in Council :

(5.) The proceedings of a municipal body in British India,

by a copy of such proceedings certified by the legal keeper thereof, or by a printed book purporting to be published by the authority of such body :

(6.) Public documents of any other class in a foreign country,

by the original, or by a copy certified by the legal keeper thereof, with a certificate under the seal of a notary public or of a British Consul or diplomatic agent, that the copy is duly certified by the officer having the legal custody of the original, and upon proof of the character of the document according to the law of the foreign country.

PRESUMPTIONS AS TO DOCUMENTS.

79. The Court shall presume every document purporting to be a certificate, certified copy, or other document, which is by law declared to be admissible as evidence of any particular fact, and which purports to be duly certified, by any officer in British India, or by any officer in any Native State in alliance with Her Majesty, who is duly authorized thereto by the Governor-General in Council, to be genuine : Provided that such document is substantially in the form and purports to be executed in the manner directed by law in that behalf. The Court shall also presume that any officer, by whom any such document purports to be signed or certified, held, when he signed it, the official character which he claims in such paper.

80. Whenever any document is produced before any Court purporting to be a record or memorandum of the evidence or of any part of the evidence given by a witness in a judicial proceeding or before any officer authorised by law to take such evidence, or to be a statement or confession by any prisoner or accused person taken in accordance with law and purporting to be signed by any Judge or Magistrate or by any such officer as aforesaid, the Court shall presume—

that the document is genuine ; that any statements, as to the circumstances under which it was taken, purporting to be made by the person signing it, are true, and that such evidence, statement, or confession was duly taken.

81. The Court shall presume the genuineness of every document purporting to be the *London Gazette*, or the *Gazette of India*, or the Government Gazette of any Local Government, or of any colony, dependency or possession of the British Crown, or to be a newspaper or journal, or to be a copy of a private Act of Parliament printed by the Queen's Printer, and of every document purporting to be a document directed by any law to be kept by any person, if such document is kept substantially in the form required by law and is produced from proper custody.

82. When any document is produced to any Court purporting to be a document which, by the law in force for the time being in England or Ireland, would be admissible in proof of any particular in any Court of Justice in England or Ireland without proof of the seal or stamp or signature authenticating it, or of the judicial or official character claimed by the person by whom it purports to be signed, the Court shall presume that such seal, stamp, or signature is genuine, and that the person signing it held, at the time when he signed it, the judicial or official character which he claims,

and the document shall be admissible for the same purpose for which it would be admissible in England or Ireland.

Proof of maps made for purposes of any cause.

83. The Court shall presume that maps or plans purporting to be made by the authority of Government were so made, and are accurate; but maps or plans made for the purposes of any cause must be proved to be accurate.

Presumption as to collections of laws and reports of decisions.

84. The Court shall presume the genuineness of every book purporting to be printed or published under the authority of the Government of any country, and to contain any of the laws of that country, and of every book purporting to contain reports of decisions of the Courts of such country.

Presumption as to powers of attorney.

85. The Court shall presume that every document purporting to be a power of attorney, and to have been executed before and authenticated by a notary public, or any Court, Judge, Magistrate, British Consul or Vice-Consul, or representative of Her Majesty or of the Government of India, was so executed and authenticated.

Presumption as to certified copies of foreign judicial records.

86. The Court may presume that any document purporting to be a certified copy of any judicial record of any country not forming part of Her Majesty's dominions is genuine and accurate, if the document purports to be certified in any manner which is certified by any representative of Her Majesty or of the Government of India resident in such country to be the manner commonly in use in that country for the certification of copies of judicial records.

Presumption as to books and maps.

87. The Court may presume that any book to which it may refer for information on matters of public or general interest, and that any published map or chart, the statements of which are relevant facts and which is produced for its inspection, was written and published by the person, and at the time and place by whom or at which it purports to have been written or published.

Presumption as to photographs, machine copies and telegraphic messages.

88. The Court may presume that a message, forwarded from a telegraph office to the person to whom such message purports to be addressed, corresponds with a message delivered for transmission at the office from which the message purports to be sent; but the Court shall not make any presumption as to the person by whom such message was delivered for transmission.

Presumption as to due execution, &c., of documents not produced.

89. The Court shall presume that every document, called for and not produced after notice to produce, was attested, stamped, and executed in the manner required by law.

Documents thirty years old.

90. Where any document, purporting or proved to be thirty years old, is produced from any custody which the Court in the particular case considers proper, the Court may presume that the signature and every other part of such document which purports to be in the handwriting of any particular person is in that person's handwriting, and, in the case of a document executed or attested, that it was duly executed and attested by the persons by whom it purports to be executed and attested.

Explanation.—Documents are said to be in proper custody if they are in the place in which, and under the care of the person with whom, they would naturally be; but no custody is improper if it is proved to have had a legitimate origin; or if the circumstances of the particular case are such as to render such an origin probable.

This explanation applies also to section eighty-one.

Illustrations.

(a.) A has been in possession of landed property for a long time. He produces from his custody deeds relating to the land showing his titles to it. The custody is proper.

(b.) A produces deeds relating to landed property of which he is the mortgagee. The mortgagee is in possession. The custody is proper.

(c.) A, a connection of B, produces deeds relating to lands in B's possession, which were deposited with him by B for safe custody. The custody is proper.

CHAPTER VI.—OF THE EXCLUSION OF ORAL BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

91. When the terms of a contract, or of a grant, or of any other disposition of property, have been reduced to the form of a document and in all cases in which any matter is required by law to be reduced to the form of a document, no evidence shall be given in proof of the terms of such contract, grant, or other disposition of property, or of such matter, except the document itself, or secondary evidence of its contents in cases in which secondary evidence is admissible under the provisions hereinbefore contained.

Exception 1.—When a public officer is required by law to be appointed in writing, and when it is shown that any particular person has acted as such officer, the writing by which he is appointed need not be proved.

Exception 2 — Wills under the Indian Succession Act may be proved by the Probate.

Explanation 1.—This section applies equally to cases in which the contracts, grants, or disposition of property referred to are contained in one document, and to cases in which they are contained in more documents than one.

Explanation 2.—Where there are more originals than one, one original only need be proved.

Explanation 3.—The statement in any document whatever of a fact other than the facts referred to in this section, shall not preclude the admission of oral evidence as to the same fact.

Illustrations.

(a.) If a contract be contained in several letters, all the letters in which it is contained must be proved.

(b.) If a contract is contained in a bill of exchange, the bill of exchange must be proved.

(c.) If a bill of exchange is drawn in a set of three, one only need be proved.

(d.) A contracts in writing with B for the delivery of indigo upon certain terms. The contract mentions the fact that B had paid A the price of other indigo contracted for verbally on another occasion.

Oral evidence is offered that no payment was made for the other indigo. The evidence is admissible.

(e.) A gives B a receipt for money paid by B.

Oral evidence is offered of the payment.

The evidence is admissible.

92. When the terms of any such contract, grant, or other disposition of property, or any matter required by law to be reduced to the form of a document, have been proved according to the last section, no evidence of any oral agreement or statement shall be admitted as between the parties to any such instrument or their representatives in interest, for the purpose of contradicting, varying, adding to, or subtracting from, its terms:

Proviso (1).—Any fact may be proved which would invalidate any document, or which would entitle any person to any decree or order relating thereto; such as fraud, intimidation, illegality, want of due execution, want of capacity in any contracting party, want or failure of consideration, or mistake in fact or law.

Proviso (2).—The existence of any separate oral agreement as to any matter on which a document is silent and which is not inconsistent with its terms, may be proved. In considering whether or not this proviso applies, the Court shall have regard to the degree of formality of the document.

Proviso (3).—The existence of any separate oral agreement constituting a condition precedent to the attaching of any obligation under any such contract, grant, or disposition of property, may be proved.

Proviso (4).—The existence of any distinct subsequent oral agreement to rescind or modify any such contract, grant, or disposition of property, may be proved, except in cases in which such contract, grant, or disposition of property is by law required to be in writing, or has been registered according to the law in force for the time being as to the registration of documents.

Proviso (5).—Any usage or custom by which incidents, not expressly mentioned in any contract, are usually annexed to contracts of that description, may be proved: Provided that the annexing of such incident would not be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the express terms of the contract.

Proviso (6).—Any fact may be proved which shows in what manner the language of a document is related to existing facts.

Illustrations.

(a.) A policy of insurance is effected on goods "in ships from Calcutta to London." The goods are shipped in a particular ship which is lost. The fact that that particular ship was orally excepted from the policy, cannot be proved.

(b.) A agrees absolutely in writing to pay B Rs. 1,000 on the 1st March 1873. The fact that at the same time, an oral agreement was made that the money should not be paid till the 31st March cannot be proved.

(c.) An estate called 'the Rampore tea estate' is sold by a deed which contains a map of the property sold. The fact that land not included in the map had always been regarded as part of the estate and was meant to pass by the deed, cannot be proved.

(d.) A enters into a written contract with B to work certain mines, the property of B upon certain terms. A was induced to do so by a misrepresentation of B's as to their value. This fact may be proved.

(e.) A institutes a suit against B for the specific performance of a contract and also prays that the contract may be reformed as to one of its provisions, as that provision was inserted in it by mistake. A may prove that such a mistake was made as would by law entitle him to have the contract reformed.

(f.) A orders goods of B by a letter in which nothing is said as to the time of payment, and accepts the goods on delivery. B sues A for the price. A may show that the goods were supplied on credit for a term still unexpired.

(g.) A sells B a horse and verbally warrants him sound. A gives B a paper in these words: 'Bought of A a horse for Rs. 500.' B may prove the verbal warranty.

(h.) A hires lodgings of B, and gives B a card on which is written—'Rooms, Rs. 200 a month.' A may prove a verbal agreement that these terms were to include partial board.

A hires lodgings of B for a year, and a regularly stamped agreement drawn up by an attorney is made between them. It is silent on the subject of board. A may not prove that board was included in the terms verbally.

(i.) A applies to B for a debt due to A by sending a receipt for the money. B keeps the receipt and does not send the money. In a suit for the amount A may prove this.

(j.) A and B make a contract in writing to take effect upon the happening of a certain contingency. The writing is left with B, who sues A upon it. A may show the circumstances under which it was delivered.

Exclusion of evidence to explain or amend ambiguous document.

93. When the language used in a document is, on its face, ambiguous or defective, evidence may not be given of facts which would show its meaning or supply its defects.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees in writing to sell a horse to B for 'Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 1,500.' Evidence cannot be given to show which price was to be given.

(b.) A deed contains blanks. Evidence cannot be given of facts which would show how they were meant to be filled.

Exclusion of evidence against application of document to existing facts.

94. When language used in a document is plain in itself, and when it applies accurately to existing facts, evidence may not be given to show that it was not meant to apply to such facts.

Illustration.

A sells to B by deed 'my estate at Rampore containing 100 beegahs.' A has an estate at Rampore containing 100 bighas. Evidence may not be given of the fact that the estate meant to be sold was one situated at a different place and of a different size.

Evidence as to document unmeaning in reference to existing facts.

95. When language used in a document is plain in itself, but is unmeaning in reference to existing facts, evidence may be given to show that it was used in a peculiar sense.

Illustrations.

A sells to B by deed 'my house in Calcutta.'

A had no house in Calcutta, but it appears that he had a house at Howrah, of which B had been in possession since the execution of the deed.

These facts may be proved to show that the deed related to the house at Howrah.

Evidence as to application of language which can apply to one only of several persons.

96. When the facts are such that the language used might have been meant to apply to any one, and could not have been meant to apply to more than one, of several persons or things, evidence may be given of facts which show which of those persons or things it was intended to apply to.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees to sell to B for Rs. 1,000 "my white horse." A has two white horses. Evidence may be given of facts which show which of them was meant.

(b.) A agrees to accompany B to Hyderabad. Evidence may be given of facts showing whether Hyderabad in the Deccan or Hyderabad in Scind was meant.

Evidence as to application of language to one of two sets of facts to neither of which the whole correctly applies.

97. When the language used applies partly to one set of existing facts, and partly to another set of existing facts, but the whole of it does not apply correctly to either, evidence may be given to show to which of the two it was meant to apply.

Illustration.

A agrees to sell to B 'my land at X' in the occupation of Y. A has land at X, but not in the occupation of Y, and he has land in the occupation of Y, but it is not at X. Evidence may be given of facts showing which he meant to sell.

98. Evidence may be given to show the meaning of illegible or not commonly intelligible characters of foreign, obsolete, technical, local, and provincial expressions, of abbreviations, and of words used in a peculiar sense.

Evidence as to meaning of illegible characters, &c.

Illustration.

A, a sculptor, agrees to sell to B 'all my mods.' A has both models and modelling tools. Evidence may be given to show which he meant to sell.

Who may give evidence of agreement varying terms of document.

99. Persons who are not parties to a document, or their representatives in interest, may give evidence of any facts tending to show a contemporaneous agreement varying the terms of the document.

Illustration.

A and B make a contract in writing that A shall sell B certain cotton, to be paid for on delivery. At the same time they make an oral agreement that three months' credit shall be given to A. This could not be shown as between A and B, but it might be shown by C if it affected his interests.

Saving of provisions of Indian Succession Act relating to wills.

100. Nothing in this Chapter contained shall be taken to affect any of the provisions of the Indian Succession Act (X of 1865) as to the construction of wills.

PART III.

PRODUCTION AND EFFECT OF EVIDENCE.

CHAPTER VII.—OF THE BURDEN OF PROOF.

101. Whoever desires any Court to give judgment as to any legal right or liability dependent on the existence of facts which he asserts, must prove that those facts exist.

When a person is bound to prove the existence of any fact, it is said that the burden of proof lies on that person.

Illustrations.

(a.) A desires a Court to give judgment that B shall be punished for a crime which A says B has committed.

A must prove that B has committed the crime.

(b.) A desires a Court to give judgment that he is entitled to certain land in the possession of B by reason of facts which he asserts and which B denies to be true.

A must prove the existence of those facts.

On whom burden of proof lies. 102. The burden of proof in a suit or proceeding lies on that person who would fail if no evidence at all were given on either side.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sues B for land of which B is in possession, and which, as A asserts, was left to A by the will of C, B's father.

If no evidence were given on either side, B would be entitled to retain his possession.

Therefore the burden of proof is on A.

(b.) A sues B for money due on a bond.

The execution of the bond is admitted, but B says that it was obtained by fraud, which A denies.

If no evidence were given on either side, A would succeed, as the bond is not disputed and the fraud is not proved.

Therefore the burden of proof is on B.

103. The burden of proof as to any particular fact lies on that person who wishes

Burden of proof as to particular fact the Court to believe in its existence, unless it is provided by any law that the proof of that fact shall lie on any particular person.

Illustration.

(a.) A prosecutes B for theft, and wishes the Court to believe that B admitted the theft to C. A must prove the admission.

B wishes the Court to believe that, at the time in question, he was elsewhere. He must prove it.

Burden of proving fact to be proved to make evidence admissible

104. The burden of proving any fact necessary to be proved in order to enable any person to give evidence of any other fact is on the person who wishes to give such evidence.

Illustrations.

(a.) A wishes to prove a dying declaration by B. A must prove B's death.

(b.) A wishes to prove, by secondary evidence, the contents of a lost document.

A must prove that the document has been lost.

105. When a person is accused of any offence, the burden of proving the existence

Burden of proving that case of accused comes within exceptions. of circumstances bringing the case within any of the general exceptions in the Indian Penal Code, or within any special exception or proviso contained in any other part of the same Code, or in

any law defining the offence, is upon him, and the Court shall presume the absence of such circumstances.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, accused of murder, alleges that, by reason of unsoundness of mind, he did not know the nature of the act.

The burden of proof is on A.

(b.) A, accused of murder, alleges that, by grave and sudden provocation, he was deprived of the power of self-control.

The burden of proof is on A.

(c.) Section 325 of the Penal Code provides that whoever, except in the case provided for by section 335, voluntarily causes grievous hurt, shall be subject to certain punishments.

A is charged with voluntarily causing grievous hurt under section 325.

The burden of proving the circumstances bringing the case under section 335 lies on A.

Burden of proving fact especially within knowledge.

106. When any fact is especially within the knowledge of any person, the burden of proving that fact is upon him.

Illustrations.

(a.) When a person does an act with some intention other than that which the character and circumstances of the act suggest, the burden of proving that intention is upon him.

(b.) A is charged with travelling on a railway without a ticket. The burden of proving that he had a ticket is on him.

Burden of proving death of person known to have been alive within thirty years.

Burden of proving that person is alive who has not been heard of for seven years.

107. When the question is whether a man is alive or dead, and it is shown that he was alive within thirty years, the burden of proving that he is dead is on the person who affirms it.

108. When the question is whether a man is alive or dead, and it is proved that he has not been heard of for seven years by those who would naturally have heard of him if he had been alive, the burden of proving that he is alive is on the person who affirms it.

109. When the question is whether persons are partners, landlord and tenant, or principal and agent, and it has been shown that they have been acting as such, the burden of proving that they do not stand, or have ceased to stand, to each other in those relationships respectively, is on the person who affirms it.

Burden of proof as to ownership.

110. When the question is whether any person is owner of anything of which he is shown to be in possession, the burden of proving that he is not the owner is on the person who affirms that he is not the owner.

Proof of good faith in transactions where one party is in relation of active confidence.

111. Where there is a question as to the good faith of a transaction between parties, one of whom stands to the other in a position of active confidence, the burden of proving the good faith of the transaction is on the party who is in a position of active confidence.

Illustrations.

(a.) The good faith of a sale by a client to an attorney, is in question in a suit brought by the client. The burden of proving the good faith of the transaction is on the attorney.

(b.) The good faith of a sale by a son just come of age to a father is in question in a suit brought by the son. The burden of proving the good faith of the transaction is on the father.

112. The fact that any person was born during the continuance of a valid marriage between his mother and any man, or within two hundred and eighty days after its dissolution, the mother remaining unmarried, shall be conclusive proof that he is the legitimate son of that man, unless it can be shown that the parties to the marriage had no access to each other at any time when he could have been begotten.

113. A notification in the *Gazette of India* that any portion of British territory has been ceded to any Native State, Prince, or Ruler, shall be conclusive proof that a valid cession of such territory took place at the date mentioned in such notification.

114. The Court may presume the existence of any fact which it thinks likely to have happened, regard being had to the common course of natural events, human conduct, and public and private business in their relation to the facts of the particular case.

Illustrations.

The Court may presume—

(a.) That a man who is in possession of stolen goods soon after the theft is either the thief or has received the goods knowing them to be stolen, unless he can account for his possession;

(b.) That an accomplice is unworthy of credit, unless he is corroborated in material particulars;

(c.) That a bill of exchange, accepted or endorsed, was accepted or endorsed, for good consideration;

(d.) That a thing or state of things which has been shown to be in existence within a period shorter than that within which such things or states of things usually cease to exist, is still in existence;

(e.) That judicial and official acts have been regularly performed;

(f.) That the common course of business has been followed in particular cases;

(g.) That evidence which could be and is not produced would, if produced, be unfavourable to the person who withholds it;

(h.) That if a man refuses to answer a question which he is not compelled to answer by law, the answer, if given, would be unfavourable to him;

(i.) That when a document creating an obligation is in the hands of the obligor, the obligation has been discharged.

But the Court shall also have regard to such facts as the following, in considering whether such maxims do or do not apply to the particular case before them :—

As to illustration (a)—A shop-keeper has in his till a marked rupee soon after it was stolen, and cannot account for its possession specifically, but is continually receiving rupees in the course of his business :

As to illustration (b)—A, a person of the highest character, is tried for causing a man's death by an act of negligence in arranging certain machinery. B, a person of equally good character who also took part in the arrangement, describes precisely what was done, and admits and explains the common carelessness of A and himself :

As to illustration (b)—A crime is committed by several persons. A, B, and C, three of the criminals, are captured on the spot and kept apart from each other. Each gives an account of the crime implicating D, and the accounts corroborate each other in such a manner as to render previous concert highly improbable :

As to illustration (c)—A, the drawer of a bill of exchange, was a man of business. B, the acceptor, was a young and ignorant person, completely under A's influence :

As to illustration (d)—It is proved that a river ran in a certain course five years ago, but it is known that there have been floods since that time which might change its course :

As to illustration (e)—A judicial act, the regularity of which is in question, was performed under exceptional circumstances :

As to illustration (f)—The question is, whether a letter was received. It is shown to have been posted, but the usual course of the post was interrupted by disturbances :

As to illustration (g)—A man refuses to produce a document which would bear on a contract of small importance on which he is sued, but which might also injure the feelings and reputation of his family :

As to illustration (h)—A man refuses to answer a question which he is not compelled by law to answer, but the answer to it might cause loss to him in matters unconnected with the matter in relation to which it is asked :

As to illustration (i)—A bond is in possession of the obligor, but the circumstances of the case are such that he may have stolen it.

CHAPTER VIII.—ESTOPPEL.

115. When one person has, by his declaration, act, or omission, intentionally caused or permitted another person to believe a thing to be true and to act upon such belief, neither he nor his representative shall be allowed in any suit or proceeding between himself and such person or his representative to deny the truth of that thing.

Estoppel.

Illustration.

A intentionally and falsely leads B to believe that certain land belongs to A, and thereby induces B to buy and pay for it.

The land afterwards becomes the property of A, and A seeks to set aside the sale on the ground that, at the time of the sale, he had no title. He must not be allowed to prove his want of title.

116. No tenant of immoveable property, or person claiming through such tenant, shall, during the continuance of the tenancy, be permitted to deny that the landlord of such tenant had, at the beginning of the tenancy, a title to such immoveable property, and no person who came upon any immoveable property by the license of the person in possession thereof, shall be permitted to deny that such person had a title to such possession at the time when such license was given.

Estoppel of tenant.

117. No acceptor of a bill of exchange shall be permitted to deny that the drawer had authority to draw such bill or to endorse it, nor shall any bailee or licensee be permitted to deny that his bailor or licensor had, at the time when the bailment or license commenced, authority to make such bailment or grant such license.

Estoppel of acceptor of bill of exchange, bailee or licensee.

Explanation (1).—The acceptor of a bill of exchange may deny that the bill was really drawn by the person by whom it purports to have been drawn.

Explanation (2).—If a bailee delivers the goods bailed to a person other than the bailor, he may prove that such person had a right to them as against the bailor.

CHAPTER IX.—OF WITNESSES.

118. All persons shall be competent to testify unless the Court considers that they are prevented from understanding the questions put to them, or from giving rational answers to those questions, by tender years, extreme old age, disease, whether of body or mind, or any other cause of the same kind.

Who may testify.

Explanation.—A lunatic is not incompetent to testify unless he is prevented by his lunacy from understanding the questions put to him and giving rational answers to them.

119. A witness who is unable to speak may give his evidence in any other manner in which he can make it intelligible as by writing or by signs; but

Dumb witnesses.

Evidence so given shall be deemed to be oral evidence.

120. In all civil proceedings the parties to the suit, and the husband or wife of any party to the suit shall be competent witnesses. In criminal proceedings against any person, the husband or wife of such person, respectively, shall be a competent witness.

Married persons in Civil and Criminal Proceedings.

121. No Judge or Magistrate shall, except upon the special order of some Court to which he is subordinate, be compelled to answer any questions as to his own conduct in Court as such Judge or Magistrate, or as to anything which came to his knowledge in Court as such Judge or Magistrate; but he may be examined as to other matters which occurred in his presence whilst he was so acting.

Judges and Magistrates.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, on his trial before the Court of Session, says that a deposition was improperly taken by B, the Magistrate. B cannot be compelled to answer questions as to this, except upon the special order of a Superior Court.

(b.) A is accused before the Court of Session of having given false evidence before B, a Magistrate. B cannot be asked what A said, except upon the special order of the Superior Court.

(c.) A is accused before the Court of Session of attempting to murder a Police officer whilst on his trial before B, a Sessions Judge. B may be examined as to what occurred.

122. No person who is or has been married, shall be compelled to disclose any communication made to him during marriage by any person to whom he is or has been married; nor shall he be permitted to disclose any such communication, unless the person who made it, or his representative in interest, consents, except in suits between married persons, or proceedings in which one married person is prosecuted for any crime committed against the other.

Communications during marriage.

123. No one shall be permitted to give any evidence derived from unpublished official records relating to any affairs of State, except with the permission of the officer at the head of the department concerned, who shall give or withhold such permission as he thinks fit.

Evidence as to affairs of State.

124. No public officer shall be compelled to disclose communications made to him in official confidence, when he considers that the public interests would suffer by the disclosure.

Official communications.

Information as to commission of offences.

125. No Magistrate or police officer shall be compelled to say whence he got any information as to the commission of any offence.

126. No barrister, attorney, pleader, or vakil, shall at any time be permitted, unless with his client's express consent, to disclose any communication made to him in the course and for the purpose of his employment as such barrister, pleader, attorney, or vakil by or on behalf of his client, or to state the contents or condition of any document with which he has become acquainted in the course and for the purpose of his professional employment, or to disclose any advice given by him to his client in the course and for the purpose of such employment:

Professional communications.

Provided that nothing in this section shall protect from disclosure—

(1) Any such communication made in furtherance of any criminal purpose;

(2) Any fact observed by any barrister, pleader, attorney, or vakil in the course of his employment as such showing that any crime or fraud has been committed since the commencement of his employment.

It is immaterial whether the attention of such barrister, attorney, or vakil was or was not directed to such fact by or on behalf of his client.

Explanation.—The obligation stated in this section continues after the employment has ceased.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, a client, says to B, an attorney,—‘I have committed forgery, and I wish you to defend me.’

As the defence of a man known to be guilty is not a criminal purpose, this communication is protected from disclosure.

(b.) A, a client, says to B, an attorney,—‘I wish to obtain possession of property by the use of a forged deed on which I request you to sue.’

This communication, being made in furtherance of a criminal purpose, is not protected from disclosure.

(c.) A, being charged with embezzlement, retains B, an attorney, to defend him. In the course of the proceedings, B observes that an entry has been made in A's account-book charging A with the sum said to have been embezzled, which entry was not in the book at the commencement of his employment.

This being a fact observed by B in the course of his employment showing that a fraud has been committed since the commencement of the proceedings, it is not protected from disclosure.

Section 126, to apply to interpreters, &c.

127. The provisions of section one hundred and twenty-six shall apply to interpreters, and the clerks or servants of barristers, pleaders, attorneys, and vakils.

128. If any party to a suit gives evidence therein at his own instance or otherwise, he shall not be deemed to have consented thereby to such disclosure as is mentioned in section one hundred and twenty-six; and if any party to a suit or proceeding calls any such barrister, attorney, or vakil as a witness, he shall be deemed to have consented to such disclosure only if he questions such barrister, attorney, or vakil on matters which, but for such question, he would not be at liberty to disclose.

Privilege not waived by volunteering evidence.

129. No one shall be compelled to disclose to the Court any confidential communication which has taken place between him and his legal professional adviser, unless he offers himself as a witness, in which case he may be compelled to disclose any such communications as may appear to the Court necessary to be known in order to explain any evidence which he has given, but no others.

Confidential communication with legal advisers.

130. No witness who is not a party to a suit shall be compelled to produce his title-deeds to any property, or any document in virtue of which he holds any property as pledgee or mortgagee, or any document the production of which might tend to criminate him, unless he has agreed in writing to produce them with the person seeking the production of such deeds or some person through whom he claims.

Production of witness' title-deeds.

Production of documents which another person, having possession, would be entitled to refuse to produce.

131. No one shall be compelled to produce documents in his possession, which any other person would be entitled to refuse to produce if they were in his possession, unless such last-mentioned person consents to their production.

132. A witness shall not be excused from answering any question as to any matter relevant to the matter in issue in any suit or in any civil or criminal proceeding, upon the ground that the answer to such question will criminate, or may tend, directly or indirectly, to criminate such witness, or that it will expose, or tend, directly or indirectly, to expose such witness to a penalty or forfeiture of any kind:

Witness not excused from answering on ground that answer will criminate.

Provided that no such answer, which a witness shall be compelled to give, shall subject him to any arrest or prosecution, or be proved against him in any criminal proceeding, except a prosecution for giving false evidence by such answer.

Proviso.

Accomplice.

133. An accomplice shall be a competent witness against an accused person; and a conviction is not illegal merely because it proceeds upon the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice.

Number of witnesses.

134. No particular number of witnesses shall in any case be required for the proof of any fact.

CHAPTER X—OF THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

135. The order in which witnesses are produced and examined shall be regulated by the law and practice for the time being relating to Civil and Criminal Procedure respectively, and, in the absence of any such law, by the discretion of the Court.

Order of production and examination of witnesses.

136. When either party proposes to give evidence of any fact, the Judge may ask the party proposing to give the evidence in what manner the alleged fact, if proved, would be relevant; and the Judge shall admit the evidence if he thinks that the fact, if proved, would be relevant, and not otherwise.

Judge to decide as to admissibility of evidence.

"If the fact proposed to be proved is one of which evidence is admissible only upon proof of some other fact, such last-mentioned fact must be proved before evidence is given of the fact first mentioned, unless the party undertakes to give proof of such fact and the Court is satisfied with such undertaking.

If the relevancy of one alleged fact depends upon another alleged fact being first proved, the Judge may in his discretion either permit evidence of the first fact to be given before the second fact is proved, or require evidence to be given of the second fact before evidence is given of the first fact.

Illustrations.

(a.) It is proposed to prove a statement about a relevant fact by a person alleged to be dead which statement is relevant under section thirty-two.

The fact that the person is dead must be proved by the person proposing to prove the statement before evidence is given of the statement.

(b.) It is proposed to prove by a copy of the contents of a document said to be lost.

The fact that the original is lost must be proved by the person proposing to produce the copy before the copy is produced.

(c.) A is accused of receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen.

It is proposed to prove that he denied the possession of the property.

The relevancy of the denial depends on the identity of the property. The Court may in its discretion either require the property to be identified before the denial of the possession is proved, or permit the denial of the possession to be proved before the property is identified.

(d.) It is proposed to prove a fact (A) which is said to have been the cause or effect of a fact in issue. There are several intermediate facts (B, C and D) which must be shown to exist before the fact A can be regarded as the cause or effect of the fact in issue. The Court may either permit A to be proved before B, C or D is proved, or may require proof of B, C and D before permitting proof of A.

Examination-in-chief.

137. The examination of a witness by the party who calls him shall be called his examination-in-chief.

Cross-examination.

The examination of a witness by the adverse party shall be called his cross-examination.

Re-examination.

The examination of a witness, subsequent to the cross-examination by the party who called him, shall be called his re-examination.

Order of examinations.
Direction of re-examination.

138. Witnesses shall be first examined-in-chief, then (if the adverse party so desires) cross-examined, then (if the party calling him so desires) re-examined.

The examination and cross-examination must relate to relevant facts, but the cross-examination need not be confined to the facts to which the witness testified on his examination-in-chief.

The re-examination shall be directed to the explanation of matters referred to in cross-examination; and if new matter is, by permission of the Court, introduced in re-examination, the adverse party may further cross-examine upon that matter.

Cross-examination of person called to produce a document.

139. A person summoned to produce a document does not become a witness by the mere fact that he produces it, and cannot be cross-examined unless and until he is called as a witness.

Witnesses to character.

140. Witnesses to character may be cross-examined and re-examined.

Leading question.

141. Any question suggesting the answer which the person putting it wishes or expects to receive, is called a leading question.

When they must not be asked.

142. Leading questions must not, if objected to by the adverse party, be asked in an examination-in-chief, or in a re-examination, except with the permission of the Court.

The Court shall permit leading questions as to matters which are introductory or undisputed, or which have, in its opinion, been already sufficiently proved.

When they may be asked.

143. Leading questions may be asked in cross-examination.

144. Any witness may be asked, whilst under examination, whether any contract, grant or other disposition of property, as to which he is giving evidence, was not contained in a document, and if he says that it was, or if he is about to make any statement as to the contents of any document, which, in the opinion of the Court, ought to be produced, the adverse party may object to such evidence being given until such document is produced, or until facts have been proved which entitled the party who called the witness to give secondary evidence of it.

Evidence as to matters in writing.

Explanation.—A witness may give oral evidence of statements made by other persons about the contents of documents if such statements are in themselves relevant facts.

Illustration.

The question is, whether A assaulted B.

O deposes that he heard A say to D—‘B wrote a letter accusing me of theft, and I will be revenged on him.’ This statement is relevant as showing A’s motive for the assault, and evidence may be given of it, though no other evidence is given about the letter.

145. A witness may be cross-examined as to previous statements made by him in writing or reduced into writing and relevant to matters in question without such writing being shown to him, or being proved; but if it is intended to contradict him by the writing, his attention must, before the writing can be proved, be called to those parts of it which are to be used for the purpose of contradicting him.

146. When a witness is cross-examined, he may, in addition to the questions hereinbefore referred to, be asked any questions which tend

- (1) to test his veracity;
- (2) to discover who he is and what is his position in life, or
- (3) to shake his credit, by injuring his character, although the answer to such questions might tend directly or indirectly to criminate him, or might expose or tend directly or indirectly to expose him to a penalty or forfeiture.

147. If any such question relates to a matter relevant to the suit or proceeding, the provisions of section 132 shall apply thereto.

148. If any such question relates to a matter not relevant to the suit or proceeding, except in so far as it affects the credit of the witness by injuring his character, the Court shall decide whether or not the witness shall be compelled to answer it, and may, if it thinks fit, warn the witness that he is not obliged to answer it. In exercising its discretion, the Court shall have regard to the following considerations:—

(1) Such questions are proper if they are of such a nature that the truth of the imputation conveyed by them would seriously affect the opinion of the Court as to the credibility of the witness on the matter to which he testifies.

(2) Such questions are improper if the imputation which they convey relates to matters so remote in time, or of such a character, that the truth of the imputation would not affect, or would affect in a slight degree, the opinion of the Court as to the credibility of the witness on the matter to which he testifies.

(3) Such questions are improper if there is a great disproportion between the importance of the imputation made against the witness’s character and the importance of his evidence.

(4) The Court may, if it sees fit draw, from the witnesses’ refusal to answer, the inference that the answer if given would be unfavourable.

149. No such question as is referred to in section one hundred and forty-eight ought to be asked, unless the person asking it has reasonable grounds for thinking that the imputation which it conveys is well-founded.

Illustrations.

(a). A barrister is instructed by an attorney or vakil that an important witness is a dacoit. This is a reasonable ground for asking the witness whether he is a dacoit.

(b). A pleader is informed by a person in Court that an important witness is a dacoit. The informant on being questioned by the pleader gives satisfactory reasons for his statement. This is a reasonable ground for asking the witness whether he is a dacoit.

(c). A witness, of whom nothing whatever is known, is asked at random whether he is a dacoit. There are here no reasonable grounds for the question.

(d). A witness, of whom nothing whatever is known, being questioned as to his mode of life and means of living, gives unsatisfactory answers. This may be a reasonable ground for asking him if he is a dacoit.

150. If the Court is of opinion that any such question was asked without reasonable grounds, it may, if it was asked by any barrister, pleader, vakil, or attorney, report the circumstances of the case to the High Court or other authority to which such barrister, pleader, vakil, or attorney is subject in the exercise of his profession.

151. The Court may forbid any questions or inquiries which it regards as indecent or scandalous, although such questions or inquiries may have some bearing on the questions before the Court, unless they relate to facts in issue, or to matters necessary to be known in order to determine whether or not the facts in issue existed.

Indecent and scandalous questions.

Questions intended to insult or annoy.

152. The Court shall forbid any question which appears to it to be intended to insult or annoy, or which, though proper in itself, appears to the Court needlessly offensive in form.

153. When a witness has been asked and has answered any question which is relevant to the inquiry only in so far as it tends to shake his credit by injuring his character, no evidence shall be given to contradict him; but if he answers falsely, he may afterwards be charged with giving false evidence.

Exclusion of evidence to contradict answers to questions testing veracity.

Exception 1.—If a witness is asked whether he has been previously convicted of any crime and denies it, evidence may be given of his previous conviction.

Exception 2.—If a witness is asked any question tending to impeach his impartiality and answers it by denying the facts suggested, he may be contradicted.

Illustrations.

(a). A claim against an underwriter is resisted on the ground of fraud. The claimant is asked whether, in a former transaction, he had not made a fraudulent claim. He denies it.

Evidence is offered to show that he did make such a claim.

The evidence is inadmissible.

(b). A witness is asked whether he was not dismissed from a situation for dishonesty. He denies it.

Evidence is offered to show that he was dismissed for dishonesty.

The evidence is not admissible.

(c). A affirms that on a certain day he saw B at Lahore.

A is asked whether he himself was not on that day at Calcutta. He denies it.

Evidence is offered to show that A was on that day at Calcutta.

The evidence is admissible, not as contradicting A on a fact which affects his credit, but as contradicting the alleged fact that B was seen on the day in question in Lahore.

In each of these cases the witness might, if his denial was false, be charged with giving false evidence.

(d). A is asked whether his family has not had a blood feud with the family of B against whom he gives evidence.

He denies it. He may be contradicted on the ground that the question tends to impeach his impartiality.

Question by party to his own witness.

154. The Court may in its discretion permit the person who calls a witness to put any questions to him which might be put in cross-examination by the adverse party.

Impeaching credit of witness.

155. The credit of a witness may be impeached in the following ways by the adverse party, or with the consent of the Court by the party who calls him :—

(1.) By the evidence of persons who testify that they, from their knowledge of the witness, believe him to be unworthy of credit ;

(2.) By proof that the witness has been bribed or has had the offer of a bribe, or has received any other corrupt inducement to give his evidence ;

(3.) By proof of former statements inconsistent with any part of his evidence which is liable to be contradicted ;

(4.) When a man is prosecuted for rape or an attempt to ravish, it may be shown that the prosecutrix was of generally immoral character.

Explanation.—A witness declaring another witness to be unworthy of credit may not, upon his examination-in-chief, give reasons for his belief, but he may be asked his reasons in cross-examination, and the answers which he gives cannot be contradicted, though, if they are false, he may afterwards be charged with giving false evidence.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sues B for the price of goods sold and delivered to B. C says that he delivered the goods to B.

Evidence is offered to show that, on a previous occasion, he said that he had not delivered the goods to B.

The evidence is admissible.

(b.) A is indicted for the murder of B.

C says that B, when dying, declared that A had given B the wound of which he died.

Evidence is offered to show that, on a previous occasion, C said that the wound was not given by A or in his presence.

The evidence is admissible.

156. When a witness whom it is intended to corroborate gives evidence of any relevant

Questions tending to corroborate evidence of relevant fact, admissible.

fact, he may be questioned as to any other circumstances which he observed at or near to the time or place at which such relevant fact occurred, if the Court is of opinion that such circumstances, if proved, would corroborate the testimony of the witness as to the relevant fact which he testifies.

Illustration.

A, an accomplice, gives an account of a robbery in which he took part. He describes various incidents unconnected with the robbery which occurred on his way to and from the place where it was committed.

Independent evidence of these facts may be given in order to corroborate his evidence as to the robbery itself.

Former statements of witness may be proved to corroborate later testimony as to same fact.

157. In order to corroborate the testimony of a witness, any former statement made by such witness relating to the same fact, at or about the time when the fact took place, or before any authority legally competent to investigate the fact, may be proved.

158. Whenever

What matters may be proved in connection with proved statement relevant under section 32 or 33.

any statement, relevant under section thirty-two or thirty-three, is proved, all matters may be proved, either in order to contradict or to corroborate it, or in order to impeach or confirm the credit of the person by whom it was made, which might have been proved if that person had been called as a witness and had denied upon cross-examination the truth of the matter suggested.

159. A witness

Refreshing memory.

considers it likely that the

may, while under examination, refresh his memory by referring to any writing made by himself at the time of the transaction concerning which he is questioned, or so soon afterwards that the Court considers it likely that the transaction was at that time fresh in his memory.

The witness may also refer to any such writing made by any other person, and read by the witness within the time afore-said, if when he read it he knew it to be correct.

When witness may use copy of document to refresh memory.

Whenever a witness may refresh his memory by reference to any document, he may, with the permission of the Court, refer to a copy of such document : Provided the Court be satisfied that there is sufficient reason for the non-production of the original.

An expert may refresh his memory by reference to professional treatises.

160. A witness may

Testimony to facts stated in document mentioned in section 159.

also testify to facts mentioned in any such document as is mentioned in section one hundred and fifty-nine, although he has no specific recollection of the facts themselves, if he is sure that the facts were correctly recorded in the document.

Illustration.

A book-keeper may testify to facts recorded by him in books regularly kept in the course of business, if he knows that the books were correctly kept, although he has forgotten the particular transactions entered.

Right of adverse party as to writing used to refresh memory.

161. Any writing referred to under the provisions of the two last preceding sections must be produced and shown to the adverse party if he requires it ; such party may, if he pleases, cross-examine the witness thereupon.

162. A witness

Production of documents.

any such objection shall be decided on by the Court.

summoned to produce a document shall, if it is in his possession or power, bring it to Court, notwithstanding any objection which there may be to its production or to its admissibility. The validity of

The Court, if it sees fit, may inspect the document, unless it refers to matters of State, or take other evidence to enable it to determine on its admissibility.

If for such a purpose it is necessary to cause any document to be translated, the Court

Translation of documents.

may, if it thinks fit, direct the translator to keep the contents secret, unless the document is to be given in evidence : and if the interpreter disobeys such direction, he shall be held to have committed an offence under section one hundred and sixty-six of the Indian Penal Code,

163. When a party calls for a document which he has given the other party notice to produce, and such document is produced and inspected by the party calling for its production, he is bound to give it as evidence if the party producing it requires him to do so.

Using as evidence document production of which was refused on notice.

164. When a party refuses to produce a document which he has had notice to produce, he cannot afterwards use the document as evidence without the consent of the other party or the order of the Court.

Illustration.

A sues B on an agreement and gives B notice to produce it. At the trial, A calls for the document and B refuses to produce it. A gives secondary evidence of its contents. B seeks to produce the document itself to contradict the secondary evidence given by A, or in order to show that the agreement is not stamped. He cannot do so.

165. The Judge may, in order to discover or to obtain proper proof of relevant facts, ask any question he pleases, in any form, at any time, of any witness, or of the parties, about any fact relevant or irrelevant; and may order the production of any document or thing: and neither the parties nor their agents shall be entitled to make any objection to any such question or order, nor, without the leave of the Court, to cross-examine any witness upon any answer given in reply to any such question:

Provided that the judgment must be based upon facts declared by this Act to be relevant, and duly proved.

Provided also that this section shall not authorise any Judge to compel any witness to answer any question, or to produce any document which such witness would be entitled to refuse to answer or produce under sections one hundred and twenty-one to one hundred and thirty-one both inclusive, if the question were asked or the document were called for by the adverse party; nor shall the Judge ask any question which it would be improper for any other person to ask under sections one hundred and thirty-eight or one hundred and forty-nine; nor shall he dispense with primary evidence of any document except in the cases hereinbefore excepted.

166. In cases tried by jury or with assessors, the jury or assessors may put any questions to witnesses, through or by leave of the Judge, which the Judge himself might put and which he considers proper.

Power of jury or assessors to put questions.

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167. The improper admission or rejection of evidence shall not be ground of itself for a new trial or reversal of any decision in any case, if it shall appear to the Court, before which such objection is raised, that, independently of the evidence objected to and admitted, there was sufficient evidence to justify the decision, or that, if the rejected evidence had been received, it ought not to have varied the decision.

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SCHEDULE.

Number and Year.	TITLE.	Extent of Repeal.
Stat. 26 Geo. III, c. 57 ...	For the further regulation of the trial of persons accused of certain offences committed in the East Indies; for repealing so much of an Act, made in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his present Majesty (intituled, An Act for the better regulation and management of the affairs of the East India Company, and of the British possessions in India, and for establishing a court of judicature for the more speedy and effectual trial of persons accused of offences committed in the East Indies), as requires the servants of the East India Company to deliver inventories of their estates and effects; for rendering the laws more effectual against persons unlawfully resorting to the East Indies; and for the more easy proof, in certain cases, of deeds and writings executed in Great Britain or India.	Section thirty-eight so far as it relates to Courts of Justice in the East Indies.
Stat. 14 & 15 Vic., c. 99 ...	To amend the Law of Evidence.	Section eleven and so much of section nineteen as relates to British India.
Act XV of 1852...	To amend the Law of Evidence.	So much as has not been heretofore repealed.
Act XIX of 1853	To amend the Law of Evidence in the Civil Courts of the East India Company in the Bengal Presidency.	Section nineteen.
Act II of 1855 ...	For the further improvement of the Law of Evidence.	So much as has not been heretofore repealed.
Act XXV of 1861	For simplifying the Procedure of the Courts of Criminal Judicature not established by Royal Charter.	Section two hundred and thirty-seven.
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ACT NO. II OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 22nd March 1872.)

An Act to revive and continue the operation of Act XV of 1867 (to make better provision for the appointment of Municipal Committees in the Punjab, and for other purposes).

WHEREAS the term for which Act XV of 1867 was enacted to be in force has expired,
Preamble. and it is expedient to revive and continue the operation of the said
Act; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Act XV of 1867 shall be deemed to be and to have been in force throughout the territories subject to the control of the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab from the last day of February 1872, and shall continue in force in the said territories until the first day of March 1872.
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ACT NO. III OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 22nd March 1872.)

An Act to provide a form of Marriage in certain cases.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to provide a form of marriage for persons who do not profess the Christian, Jewish, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Parsee, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jaina religion, and to legalize certain marriages the validity of which is doubtful ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Local extent.

Commencement.

Conditions upon which marriages under Act may be celebrated.

1. This Act extends to the whole of British India, and shall come into force on the passing thereof.

2. Marriages may be celebrated under this Act between persons neither of whom professes the Christian or the Jewish or the Hindoo or the Mahomedan, or the Parsee or the Buddhist, or the Sikh, or the Jaina religion, upon the following conditions :—

(1).—Neither party must, at the time of the marriage, have a husband or wife living :

(2).—The man must have completed his age of eighteen years, and the woman her age of fourteen years, according to the Gregorian calendar :

(3).—Each party must, if he or she has not completed the age of twenty-one years, have obtained the consent of his or her father or guardian to the marriage :

(4).—The parties must not be related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which would, according to any law to which either of them is subject, render a marriage between them illegal.

1st Proviso.—No such law or custom, other than one relating to consanguinity or affinity, shall prevent them from marrying.

2nd Proviso.—No law or custom as to consanguinity shall prevent them from marrying, unless a relationship can be traced between the parties through some common ancestor, who stands to each of them in a nearer relationship than that of great-great-grand-father or great-great-grand-mother, or unless one of the parties is the lineal ancestor, or the brother or sister of some lineal ancestor, of the other.

3. The Local Government may appoint one or more Registrars under this Act, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, for any portion of the territory subject to its administration. The officer so appointed shall be called 'Registrar of Marriages under Act III of 1872,' and is hereinafter referred to as 'the Registrar.' The portion of territory for which any such officer is appointed shall be deemed his district.

Appointment of Marriage Registrars.

4. When a marriage is intended to be solemnized under this Act, one of the parties must give notice in writing to the Registrar before whom it is to be solemnized.

The Registrar to whom such notice is given must be the Registrar of a district within which one at least of the parties to the marriage has resided for fourteen days before such notice is given.

Such notice may be in the form given in the first schedule to this Act.

5. The Registrar shall file all such notices and keep them with the records of his office and shall also forthwith enter a true copy of every such notice in a book to be for that purpose furnished to him by the Government, to be called the "Marriage Notice Book under Act III of 1872," and such book shall be open at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of inspecting the same.

6. Fourteen days after notice of an intended marriage has been given under section four, such marriage may be solemnized, unless it has been previously objected to in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Any person may object to any such marriage on the ground that it would contravene some one or more of the conditions prescribed in clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section two.

The nature of the objection made shall be recorded in writing by the Registrar in the register, and shall, if necessary, be read over and explained to the person making the objection, and shall be signed by him or on his behalf.

7. On receipt of such notice of objection the Registrar shall not proceed to solemnize the marriage until the lapse of fourteen days from the receipt of such objection, if there be a Court of competent jurisdiction open at the time, or, if there be no such Court open at the time, until the lapse of fourteen days from the opening of such Court.

The person objecting to the intended marriage may file a suit in any Civil Court having local jurisdiction (other than a Court of Small Causes) for a declaratory decree, declaring that such marriage would contravene some one or more of the conditions prescribed in clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section two.

8. The officer before whom such suit is filed shall thereupon give the person presenting it a certificate to the effect that such suit has been filed. If such certificate be lodged with the Registrar within fourteen days from the receipt of notice of objection, if there be a Court of competent jurisdiction open at the time, or, if there be no such Court open at the time, within fourteen days of the opening of such Court, the marriage shall not be solemnized till the decision of such Court has been given and the period allowed by law for appeals from such decision has elapsed; or, if there be an appeal from such decision, till the decision of the Appellate Court has been given.

If such certificate be not lodged in the manner and within the period prescribed in the last preceding paragraph, or if the decision of the Court be that such marriage would not contravene any one or more of the conditions prescribed in clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section two, such marriage may be solemnized.

If the decision of such Court be that the marriage in question would contravene any one or more of the conditions prescribed in clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section two, the marriage shall not be solemnized.

9. Any Court, in which any such suit as is referred to in section seven is filed, may, if it shall appear to it that the objection was not reasonable and *bonâ fide*, inflict a fine, not exceeding one thousand rupees, on the person objecting, and award it, or any part of it, to the parties to the intended marriage.

10. Before the marriage is solemnized, the parties and three witnesses shall, in the presence of the Registrar, sign a declaration in the form contained in the second schedule to this Act. If either party has not completed the age of twenty-one years, the declaration shall also be signed by his or her father or guardian, except in the case of a widow, and, in every case, it shall be countersigned by the Registrar.

11. The marriage shall be solemnized in the presence of the Registrar and of the three witnesses who signed the declaration. It may be solemnized in any form, provided that each party says to the other, in the presence and hearing of the Registrar and witnesses, 'I [A] take thee [B] to be my lawful wife (or husband).'

12. The marriage may be celebrated either at the office of the Registrar or at such other place, within reasonable distance of the office of the Registrar, as the parties desire. Provided that the Local Government may prescribe the conditions under which such marriages may be solemnized at places other than the Registrar's office, and the additional fees to be paid thereupon.

13. When the marriage has been solemnized, the Registrar shall enter a certificate thereof in a book to be kept by him for that purpose and to be called the 'Marriage Certificate Book under Act III of 1872,'

Form of certificate.

in the form given in the third schedule to this Act, and such certificate shall be signed by the parties to the marriage and the three witnesses.

Fees.

14. The Local Government shall prescribe the fees to be paid to the Registrar for the duties to be discharged by him under this Act.

The Registrar may, if he think fit, demand payment of any such fee before solemnization of the marriage or performance of any other duty in respect of which it is payable.

The said Marriage Certificate Book shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection, and shall be admissible as evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. Certified extracts therefrom shall on application be given by the Registrar on the payment to him by the applicant of a fee to be fixed by the Local Government for each such extract.

15. Every person who, being at the time married, procures a marriage of himself to be solemnized under this Act, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section four hundred and ninety-four or section four hundred and ninety-five of the Indian Penal Code, as the case may be; and the marriage solemnized is void.

Penalty on married person marrying again under Act.

16. Every person married under this Act who, during the life-time of his or her wife or husband, contracts any other marriage, shall be subject to the penalties provided in sections four hundred and ninety-four and four hundred and ninety-five of the Indian Penal Code for the offence of marrying again during the life-time of a husband or wife, whatever may be the religion which he or she professed at the time of such second marriage.

Punishment of bigamy.

17. The Indian Divorce Act shall apply to all marriages contracted under this Act, and any such marriage may be declared null or dissolved in the manner therein provided, and for the causes therein mentioned, or on the ground that it contravenes some one or more of the conditions prescribed in clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section two of this Act.

Indian Divorce Act to apply.

18. The issue of marriages solemnized under this Act shall, if they marry under this Act, be deemed to be subject to the law to which their fathers were subject as to the prohibition of marriages by reason of consanguinity and affinity, and the provisos to section two of this Act shall apply to them.

Law to apply to issue of marriages under Act.

19. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the validity of any marriage not solemnized under its provisions; nor shall this Act be deemed directly or indirectly to affect the validity of any mode of contracting marriage; but if the validity of any such mode shall hereafter come into question before any Court, such question shall be decided as if this Act had not been passed.

Saving of marriages solemnized otherwise than under Act.

20. All persons who have heretofore contracted marriages in the presence of at least two witnesses, according to any form whatever, may at any time, previous to the first day of January 1873, have such marriages registered under this Act, and such marriages shall thereupon be deemed to be and to have been as valid as if they had been contracted and solemnized under this Act: Provided that persons who have such marriages registered under this section must, on such registry, sign a declaration in the form given in the fourth schedule to this Act.

Registry of marriages contracted before passing of Act.

No marriage shall be registered under this section unless conditions (1), (3), and (4) of section two were complied with; and no such marriage shall be registered under this section if, during its continuance, either party has contracted a subsequent marriage.

Penalty for signing declarations or certificates containing false statements.

21. Every person making, signing, or attesting, any declaration or certificate prescribed by this Act, containing a statement which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, shall be deemed guilty of the offence described in section one hundred and ninety-nine of the Indian Penal Code.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(See Section 4.)

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE.

To _____ a Registrar of Marriages under Act III of 1872 for
the _____ District.

I hereby give you notice that a marriage under Act III of 1872, is intended to be had, within three calendar months from the date hereof, between me and the other party herein named and described (that is to say) :—

Names.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Age.	Dwelling place.	Length of Residence.
<i>A B</i>	<i>Unmarried. Widower.</i>	<i>Landowner.</i>	<i>Of full age.</i>	<i>23 days.</i>
<i>C D</i>	<i>Spinster.</i>	<i>Minor.</i>

Witness my hand, this

day of

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(Signed) *A B.*

SECOND SCHEDULE.

(See Section 10.)

Declaration to be made by the Bridegroom.

I, *A B*, hereby declare as follows :—

1. I am at the present time unmarried :
2. I do not profess the Christian, Jewish, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Parsee, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jaina religion :
3. I have completed my age of eighteen years :
4. I am not related to *C D* [*the bride*] in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which would, according to the law to which I am subject, or to which the said *C D* is subject, and subject to the provisos of clause (4) of section two of Act III of 1872, render a marriage between us illegal :

[*And when the bridegroom has not completed his age of twenty-one years :*

5. The consent of my father [*or guardian, as the case may be*] has been given to a marriage between myself and *C D*, and has not been revoked.]
6. I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and if in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false, or do not believe it to be true, I am liable to imprisonment, and also to fine.

(Signed) *A B (the bridegroom.)**Declaration to be made by the Bride.*

I, *C D*, hereby declare as follows :—

1. I am at the present time unmarried :
2. I do not profess the Christian, Jewish, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Parsee, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jaina religion :

3. I have completed my age of fourteen years :

4. I am not related to *A B* [*the bridegroom*] in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which would, according to the law to which I am subject, or to which the said *A B* is subject, and subject to the provisos of clause (4) of section two of Act III of 1872, render a marriage between us illegal.

[*And when the bride has not completed her age of twenty-one years, unless she is a widow :*

5. The consent of *M N* my father [*or guardian, as the case may be*], has been given to a marriage between myself and *A B*, and has not been revoked.]

6. I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and if in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false, or do not believe it to be true, I am liable to imprisonment, and also to fine.

Signed in our presence by the abovenamed *A B* and *C D* :

G H,
I J, } (*three witnesses*).
K L,

[*And when the bridegroom or bride has not completed the age of twenty-one years, except in the case of a widow :*

Signed in my presence and with my consent by the above *A B* and *C D* :

M N, the father [*or guardian*] of
the abovenamed *A B* or *C D*, as the
case may be.]

(Countersigned) *E F*,

*Registrar of Marriages under Act III of 1872 for the
District of*

Dated the day of 18 .

THIRD SCHEDULE.

(See Section 13.)

Registrar's Certificate.

I, *E F*, certify that, on the of 18 appeared before me *A B* and *C D*, each of whom in my presence and in the presence of three credible witnesses, whose names are signed hereunder, made the declarations required by Act III of 1872, and that a marriage under the said Act was solemnized between them in my presence.

(Signed) *E F*,

*Registrar of Marriages under Act III of 1872 for the
District of*

(Signed) *A B*,
C D,

G H,
I J, } (*three witnesses*).
K L,

Dated the day of 18 .

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

(See Section 20.)

Declaration to be made by the Husband.

I, *A B*, hereby declare as follows :—

1. I was married to *C D* at (*place*), on or about (*date*) in the presence of (*two witnesses*) :

2. I was, at the time of my marriage to my wife, *C D*, unmarried :

3. I did not at such time profess the Christian, Jewish, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Parsee, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jaina religion :

4. I have not contracted any subsequent marriage :

5. I am not related to *C D* [*the wife*] in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which would, according to the law to which I am subject, or to which the said *C D* is subject, and subject to the provisoes of clause (4) of section two of Act III of 1872, render a marriage between us illegal :

[*And when the bridegroom had not completed his age of twenty-one years :*

6. The consent of my father [*or guardian, as the case may be*], had been given to a marriage between myself and *C D*, and had not been revoked.]

7. I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and if in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false, or do not believe it to be true, I am liable to imprisonment, and also to fine.

(Signed) *A B* (*the husband*.)

Declaration to be made by the Wife.

I, *C D*, hereby declare as follows :—

1. I was married to *A B* at (*place*), on or about (*date*) in the presence of (*two witnesses*) :

2. I was, at the time of my marriage to my husband, *A B*, unmarried.

3. I did not at such time profess the Christian, Jewish, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Parsee, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jaina religion :

4. I have not contracted any subsequent marriage :

5. I am not related to *A B* [*the husband*] in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which would, according to the law to which I am subject, or to which the said *A B* is subject, and subject to the provisoes of clause (4) of section two of Act III of 1872, render a marriage between us illegal.

[*And when the bride had not, at the time of her marriage, completed her age of twenty-one years, unless she was then a widow :*

6. The consent of *M N* my father [*or guardian, as the case may be*] had at such time been given to a marriage between myself and *A B*, and had not been revoked :]

7. I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and if in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false, or do not believe it to be true, I am liable to imprisonment, and also to fine.

Signed in our presence by the abovenamed *A B* and *C D* :

G H,
I J, } (*two witnesses*).

(Countersigned) *E F*,

Registrar of Marriages under Act III
of 1872 for the District of

Dated the day of 18 .

THE PUNJAB LAWS ACT, 1872.

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ACT NO. IV OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the Assent of the Governor-General on the 28th March 1872).

The Punjab Laws Act, 1872.

An Act for declaring which of certain rules, laws, and regulations have the force of law in the Punjab, and for other purposes.

Preamble. WHEREAS certain rules, laws, and regulations, made heretofore for the Punjab, acquired the force of law under the provisions of section twenty-five of the "Indian Councils' Act, 1861;" and whereas it is expedient to declare which of the said rules, laws, and regulations shall henceforth be in force in the Punjab, and to amend, consolidate, or repeal others of the said rules, orders, and regulations; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Punjab Laws Act, 1872."

2. It extends to the territories now under the administration of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, but not so as to alter the effect of any regulations made for any parts of the said territories under the

Local extent.

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Commencement.

And it shall come into force on the first day of June 1872.

3. The Regulations, Acts, and orders specified in the first schedule hereto annexed are in force in the Punjab to the extent specified in the third column of the said schedule.

Enactments in force.

Enactments repealed.

third column thereof.

4. The Regulations, Acts, and orders specified in the second schedule hereto annexed are repealed to the extent specified in the

CIVIL JUDICATURE.

5. In questions regarding inheritance, special property of females, betrothal, marriage, dower, adoption, guardianship, minority, bastardy, family relations, wills, legacies, gifts, partition, or any religious usage or institution,

Decisions in certain cases to be according to Native law.

the rule of decision shall be—

(1) any custom of any body or class of persons, which is not contrary to justice, equity, and good conscience, and has not been declared to be void by any competent authority,

(2) the Mahomedan law, in cases where the parties are Mahomedans, and the Hindoo law, in cases where the parties are Hindoos, except in so far as such law has been altered or abolished by legislative enactment, or is opposed to the provisions of this Act, or has been modified by any such custom as is referred to in the preceding clause of this section.

Decisions in cases not specially provided for.

6. In cases not otherwise specially provided for, the Judges shall decide according to justice, equity, and good conscience.

7. All local customs and mercantile usages shall be regarded as valid, unless they are contrary to justice, equity, or good conscience, or have, before the passing of this Act, been declared to be void by any competent authority.

Local customs and mercantile usages when valid.

DESCENT OF JAGHEERS.

8. In all cases in which Government has declared any rule of descent to prevail in any family or families of assignees of land-revenue, such rule of descent shall be held to prevail, and to have prevailed, amongst them from the time when the declaration was made.

Rule of descent in family of assignee of land-revenue.

PRE-EMPTION.

9. The right of pre-emption is a right on the part of certain persons to purchase immovable property in certain cases in preference to all other persons.

Right of pre-emption defined.

10. The right of pre-emption extends to all permanent dispositions of property, including sales under a decree of Court and foreclosures of mortgages; but it does not affect transfers made in good faith by way of gift, nor temporary dispositions of property.

To what transactions it extends.

11. The right of pre-emption shall be presumed to exist, whether recorded in the list of customs at settlement or not, in all village communities however constituted, unless the existence of any custom or contract to the contrary can be proved. It shall be presumed to extend to the village site, to the houses built upon it, to all lands and shares of lands within the village boundary, and to all transferable rights of occupancy affecting such lands.

Presumption of its existence in village communities.

Its existence in towns to be proved.

Notice to persons concerned, by vendor or mortgagee of property subject to right.

the amount due in respect of such mortgage, as the case may be.

Devolution of right when property to be sold is part of a village.

First, to co-sharers in the village in order of relationship to the vendor or mortgagor;

Secondly, if no relation of the vendor or mortgagor claim pre-emption, to the landowners of the puttee or other sub-division of the village in which the property is situated, jointly;

Thirdly, to any member of the village community;

Fourthly, to tenants with rights of occupancy in the village, if any.

Share of certain immovable property to be offered to co-sharers.

Decision of questions between persons claiming right in respect of immovable property in towns.

the case.

17. Any person who claims a right of pre-emption over any property, may bring a suit against the vendor or purchaser on the ground, either that no previous offer of the property sold was made to him, or that any such offer to sell made to him was not made in good faith; and if the Court is of opinion that the plaintiff has a right of pre-emption over such property, and that no such offer was made or that the offer was not made in good faith, it shall make a decree directing the defendant to sell such property to the plaintiff at such a price as appears to the Court to be the fair market-value of the property.

Decree what to contain. Effect of non-payment of purchase-money on date fixed by decree.

which it relates.

12. The right of pre-emption shall not be presumed, but may be shown, to exist in any town or city or any sub-division thereof.

13. When any person proposes to sell any property, or to foreclose a mortgage upon any property which is subject to the custom of pre-emption, he must give notice to the persons concerned of the price at which he offers to sell such property, or of

14. If the property to be sold is situated within, or is a share of, a village, the right to accept such offer or to redeem such mortgage belongs, in the absence of custom to the contrary,

15. If the property to be sold is a share in joint undivided immovable property, other than land, the offer to sell must be made to the co-sharers.

16. When any question arises between persons claiming a right of pre-emption over any immovable property situated in any town or city, such questions shall, in the absence of custom to the contrary, be decided according to vicinity, relationship, or the merits of

18. The decree shall specify a day on or before which the purchase-money shall be paid. If the purchase-money is not paid before sunset on that day, the decree shall become void, and the plaintiff shall lose his right of pre-emption over the property to

Party to sale by joint owners cannot withdraw his share and claim pre-emption as to rest.

19. In case of sale by joint owners, no person who has been a party can withdraw his own share and claim a right of pre-emption as to the rest.

20. In villages in which the chowkeedaree tenure prevails, the co-sharers in a well have a right of pre-emption as to shares in such well in preference to a general proprietor in any such village, having no share in the well but merely receiving a huq zemindaree from the "chowkeedars."

DECREES CONCERNING LAND.

21. Every Judge of a Civil Court in which a decree affecting the proprietary right in or possession of land is passed, shall cause a certified copy of such decree to be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the district within a month from the making of such decree.

INSOLVENCY.

Power to invest Courts with insolvency jurisdiction.

22. The Local Government may invest any Court or any class of Courts with insolvency jurisdiction in any specified local area.

23. Any debtor, whose debts amount to Rupees five hundred or upwards, and any creditor or creditors, to whom an aggregate sum of not less than rupees five hundred is due from any such debtor, may petition the Court having local insolvency jurisdiction that the debtor be adjudicated an insolvent.

Procedure of Court thereupon.

24. If it appear that the debtor's liabilities amount to more than Rupees five hundred, the Court may—

- (1) call upon the debtor to make a statement of his assets and liabilities ;
- (2) invite by proclamation or otherwise the appearance of persons to record claims against the debtor ;
- (3) register all claims so recorded ;
- (4) call upon the debtor to give reasonable security for his appearance, or, on default of reasonable security, order his confinement in the civil jail.
- (5) attach all the debtor's property in the Punjab, moveable or immoveable ;
- (6) pass an order exempting the person and property of the debtor from further legal process, pending inquiry and the final orders of the Court.

Insolvent defined.

A debtor on whom the order referred to in clause six of the last preceding section is passed, is deemed an insolvent.

25. The Court shall make full enquiry into the origin, nature, and circumstances of the debts, and the conduct of the debtor in relation thereto ; and if the insolvent be shown to have been guilty of concealment, fraud, recklessness, or other gross misconduct in reference to the debts, and if his discharge, for that reason, is opposed by any of the creditors, the Court may, at its discretion, award a term of imprisonment in the civil jail not exceeding one year.

26. If it appear that the debtor, after becoming unable to meet his liabilities, or in expectation of becoming so, has transferred his property, or any part thereof, with a view to defrauding his creditors, or to giving one or more creditors a fraudulent preference over the others, the Court shall annul such transfer, and treat the property transferred as the other property of the debtor.

27. The property of the insolvent shall be sold or administered, under the direction of the Court, either through the agency of its own officers or of assignees to be appointed by the Court, in the manner most conducive to the interest of the creditors, and the proceeds shall be divided rateably amongst them.

28. The Court shall give effect to any composition or arrangement agreed upon between the debtor and the majority of the creditors : Provided that no injustice or injury appears to be inflicted by such composition or arrangement on any of the parties concerned, and that no fraud nor collusion is suspected. If any creditor objects to such arrangement, the Court shall decide as to the reasonableness of the objection.

29. When the sale or administration of the insolvent's property is complete, the Court

When Court may order
discharge of insolvent.

Effect of order.

claim might have been
deprived.

may order the insolvent to be discharged, on his signing an agreement to liquidate, from any property which he may subsequently acquire, such portion of his debts as remains unpaid. Such order preclude any creditor whose claim is registered from suing the debtor in respect of such claim, unless it be shown that the debtor has acquired property, since the order of discharge, out of which the claim might have been

30. Nothing in

Foregoing rules not to apply to persons admitted to benefit of insolvency law in presidency towns.

was not in the Punjab.

the preceding sections shall apply to persons who may have been admitted to the benefit of any insolvency law at a presidency town; nor shall any order passed under the preceding sections affect the remedy of any creditor against his debtor in respect of property which, at the time of the insolvency of such debtor,

31. The Chief Court of the Punjab may, with the sanction of the Local Government,

Chief Court empowered to frame rules.

from time to time, frame and issue rules, conformable to the provisions hereinbefore contained, for the better administration of insolvent estates, and may with the like sanction alter any such rules.

Power to exclude any class from operation of such rules.

32. The Local Government may at any time, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, exclude any particular class or race from the operation of these rules.

33. No proceedings of any Court in the exercise of insolvency jurisdiction, had before the passing of this Act, shall be held to have been invalid

Saving of previous insolvency proceedings.

comes into force, shall be subsequently conducted, so far as may be, in conformity with the rules now prescribed.

MINORS AND THE COURT OF WARDS.

34. Deputy Commissioners shall be Courts of Wards within their respective

Deputy Commissioners to be Courts of Wards.

districts, but shall exercise the functions of such Courts subject to the control of the Commissioner and Financial Commissioner.

35. The Court of Wards may, at its discretion, take charge of and administer the

Jurisdiction of Court of Wards.

respect of which they would have been entitled to be settled with, if they had been competent to make an agreement for the payment of revenue, or who are entitled by inheritance to any assignment of land-revenue.

Provided that the Court of Wards shall not take charge of or administer any beneficial interest in an estate, in which more persons than one have a joint undivided interest, unless all such persons are so circumstanced as to be subject to the Court of Wards.

Bar of jurisdiction in certain cases.

36. The Deputy Commissioner may make an enquiry into the minority, lunacy, or

Deputy Commissioner may enquire into circumstances affecting jurisdiction.

idiotcy of any person, who, he has reason to believe, would, if found to be a minor, lunatic, or idiot, be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards, and into the circumstances and property of any such person, and may make an order declaring such person to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards.

37. Any such person may appeal to the Commissioner of the Division against any

Appeal to Commissioner against order under section 36.

such order on the ground that he is not, or has ceased to be, a minor, or that he is not, or has ceased to be, a lunatic or idiot, and the decision of the Commissioner shall be certified to the Court of Wards,

and shall be final.

38. The jurisdiction of the Court of Wards shall extend to the care and education,

Extent of jurisdiction.

and to the management of the property, of the persons subject thereto; and the Local Government shall make rules as to the manner in which, and the agents by whom, such jurisdiction shall be exercised.

CRIMINAL JUDICATURE.

Indian Penal Code to apply to offences committed previous to first January 1862.

Provided that nothing contained in this Section shall affect any privilege conferred on certain Chiefs.
Saving of privileges conferred on certain Chiefs.
authority.

39. The provisions of the Indian Penal Code with the exception of Chapter VI, shall be applicable to all offences committed before first January 1862, in territory which was, at the time of the commission of such offence, subject to the Government of the Punjab.

on certain Chiefs in the Punjab by the Governor-General in Council, or by the Board of Administration for the affairs of the Punjab, nor any indemnity or pardon granted by competent authority.

HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS.

Local Government may invest any person with powers of Police officer.

40. The Local Government may, if it thinks fit, confer on any person any of the powers which may be exercised by a Police officer under any Act for the time being in force.

TRACK LAW.

41. When an offence is, has been, or may reasonably be supposed to have been, committed, and the tracks of the persons who may reasonably be supposed to have committed such offence, or of any animal or other property reasonably supposed to be connected with such offence, are followed to a spot within the immediate vicinity of a village, the person following such tracks may call upon any Headman or Village Watchman in such village to assist in carrying on the tracks.

42. If such Headman or Watchman do not forthwith give such assistance, or if the inhabitants of such village do not afford full opportunity for search in their houses for the offenders, or if, from the circumstances of the case, there shall appear good reason to believe that the inhabitants of such village, or any of them, were conniving at the offence or at the escape of the offenders, and such offenders cannot be traced beyond the village, the Magistrate of the District may, with the previous sanction of the Commissioner of the Division, inflict a fine upon such village not exceeding five hundred rupees, except in the case of stolen property over five hundred rupees in value, in which case the fine shall not exceed the value of such property.

Limit to fine.

Appeal to Chief Court.

An appeal against all convictions under this section shall lie to the Chief Court.

The Magistrate may direct that the fine imposed under this section or any part thereof, shall be awarded to any persons injured by such offence in compensation for such injury; and, in the case of stolen property recovered through the agency of a tracker, may direct that such property be not restored to its owner until he has paid to such tracker such fee, not exceeding one-fourth part of the value of the stolen property, as to the said Magistrate seems fit.

Fine may be awarded to injured parties, and fee to tracker.

SLAUGHTER OF KINE.

Control of slaughter of kine and sale of beef.

the Local Government.

43. The slaughter of kine and the sale of beef shall not take place, except with the consent and subject to rules to be from time to time, either generally or in any particular instance, prescribed by

ARMED MEN AND FOREIGN VAGRANTS.

Control of entry into towns of bands of armed men.

by the Local Government.

44. No band of armed men shall enter into any city or town, except with the consent and subject to rules to be from time to time, either generally or in any particular instance, prescribed

Powers of Magistrate of District as to foreign vagrants.

require them within a given time to leave it.

45. The Magistrate of the District may, if he considers that any band of foreign vagrants is likely to occasion a breach of the peace or to commit any offence under the Indian Penal Code, prohibit such band from entering his district; or, if they are already in his district, may

46. If any such band fail to comply with the orders of the said Magistrate within the prescribed period, he shall report the matter to the Local Government, and the Local Government may give such directions for the surveillance, control, or deportation of such band, as to it seems fit.

MISCELLANEOUS.

47. No person shall cross any river or stream on a buoy or inflated skin, nor shall have in his possession or custody any buoy or skin for the purpose of being used in crossing any river or stream, except with the consent and subject to rules to be from time to time, either generally or in any particular instance, prescribed by the Local Government.

48. No person shall make use of the pasturage or other natural product of any land being the property of the Government, except with the consent and subject to rules to be from time to time, either generally or in any particular instance, prescribed by the Local Government.

49. No person shall grow, sell, or keep in his possession any opium, except with the consent and subject to rules to be from time to time, either generally or in any particular instance, prescribed by the Local Government.

50. The Local Government may issue rules as to the matters mentioned in sections forty-three to forty-nine inclusive, and may, from time to time, cancel or alter any such rules.

Any person who breaks any rule made by the Local Government under this Act, shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding rupees fifty, or imprisonment not exceeding a period of six months,

or with both :

Provided—

- (1) that such rules be not inconsistent with the provisions of this or any Act or law for the time being in force in the Punjab ;
- (2) that, previous to notification, they be sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council ;
- (3) that they be notified in the Local Gazette.

Existing rules confirmed.

Existing rules upon the subjects hereinbefore mentioned shall, until otherwise directed by the Local Government, be deemed to have been issued under, and in conformity to, this section.

51. All rules which the Local Government is empowered to issue under this Act, and all circulars issued by the Chief Court, shall, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, be re-published once at least in every year; and, upon such re-publication, shall be arranged in the order of their subject-matter; and all such alterations or amendments as may have been made in the course of the preceding year, or may have become necessary or advisable, shall be embodied therewith; and upon such re-publication all such rules and circulars, previously issued, shall be repealed.

Re-publication of rules and orders.

SCHEDULE I.

Enactments declared to be in force.

Explanation.—This Schedule does not refer to any Act which is in its terms applicable to the Punjab, or which has been extended to the Punjab by competent authority.

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent to which the Enactment is in force.
Reg. I of 1798	A Regulation to prevent Fraud and Injustice in conditional Sales of Land under Deeds of Bye-bil-wuffa, or other Deeds of the same nature.	The whole, except such parts as relate to interest.
Reg. X of 1804	A Regulation for declaring the Powers of the Governor-General in Council to provide for the immediate Punishment of certain Offences against the State by the sentence of Courts Martial.	The whole, so far it is not modified by Act V of 1841.
Reg. XVII of 1806	A Regulation for extending to the Province of Benares the Rates of Interest on future Loans, and Provisions relative thereto, contained in Regulation XV, 1793; also for a general extension of the period fixed by Regulations I, 1798; and XXXIV, 1803, for the Redemption of Mortgages and Conditional Sales of Land, under Deeds of Bye-bil-wuffa, Kutenbaleh, or other similar designation.	Sections seven and eight.
Reg. V of 1817	A Regulation for declaring the Rights of Government and of Individuals with respect to hidden Treasure, and for prescribing the Rules to be observed on the Discovery of such Treasure.	The whole.
Reg. III of 1818	A Regulation for the Confinement of State Prisoners.	The whole.
Reg. XI of 1825	A Regulation for declaring the Rules to be observed in determining Claims to Lands gained by alluvion, or by dereliction of a river or the sea.	The whole.
Reg. XX of 1825	A Regulation for declaring the jurisdiction of the Military Courts Martial and Courts of Requests, constituted by a recent Act of Parliament, and for modifying some parts of the existing Regulations in conformity thereto.	Sections two and four.
Act XL of 1858	An Act for making better provision for the care of the persons and property of minors in the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal.	The whole.
Act XVII of 1861	An Act to amend Act XIV of 1843 (for regulating the Customs Duties in the North-Western Provinces).	The whole, the word "Punjab" being substituted for the words "North-Western Provinces."

SCHEDULE I.—(Continued.)

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent to which the Enactment is in force.
	"Rules for the conservancy of Forests and Jungles in the Hill Districts of the Punjab Territories," sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council, in letter of the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1789, 21st May 1855.	The whole.

SCHEDULE II.

Enactments repealed.

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
	All Bengal Regulations now in force in the Punjab, except those specified in schedule I.	The whole.
	All rules, laws and regulations made for the Punjab and its Dependencies or for any part thereof, by the Governor-General of India, or the Governor-General of India in Council, or the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab otherwise than at meetings for making laws and regulations in conformity with the provisions of the Acts of the 3rd and 4th years of King William the fourth, Chapter eighty-five, and of the 16th and 17th years of Her Majesty, Chapter ninety-five, or other Act in force for the time being, except those specified in schedule I.	The whole.
Act VI of 1846	An Act for the more convenient administration of the government of the country called the Bhutte Territory.	The whole
Act I of 1847	An Act for the establishment and maintenance of Boundary-marks in the North-Western Provinces of Bengal.	The whole, so far as it affects the Punjab.
Act III of 1870	An Act to remove the Agror Valley from the jurisdiction of the tribunals established under the general Regulations and Acts, and for other purposes.	The whole, so far as it is unrepealed.

ACT NO. V OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 28th March 1872.)

An Act to remove doubts as to the Jurisdiction of the High Court of Bombay over the Province of Sind.

Preamble.	WHEREAS it is expedient to remove doubts which have arisen
	as to the jurisdiction of the High Court of Bombay over the Province of Sind ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—
Bar of jurisdiction in Sind of Bombay High Court.	1. The High Court of Bombay has not, and shall be deemed never to have had, jurisdiction over the Province of Sind.

ACT NO. VI OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 5th April 1872)

An Act to amend the law relating to Oaths and Affirmations.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to oaths and affirmations ; It is enacted as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called " The Oaths Act, 1872."

Extent.

Commencement.

2. It extends to British India, applies to all oaths or affirmations taken or made by or administered to British subjects in Native Indian States,

and it shall come into force on the passing thereof.

Persons liable to be sworn may, if they object to oath, make simple affirmation.

3. Every person who may by law be sworn or called upon to make a solemn affirmation, in any capacity whatever, may, if he objects to such oath or solemn affirmation, make in place thereof a simple affirmation to the same effect, omitting the words ' So help me God.' ' In the presence of Almighty God,' or other expressions of the same nature.

Powers of Court as to certain oaths when tendered by parties or witnesses.

4. If any party to, or witness in, any judicial proceeding offers to give evidence on oath in any form common amongst, or held binding by, persons of the race or persuasion to which he belongs, and not repugnant to justice or decency, and not purporting to affect any third person, the Court may, if it thinks fit, tender such oath to him.

If any party to any proceeding offers to be bound by any such oath as is mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, if such oath is taken by the other party to, or by any witness in, such proceeding, the Court may, if it thinks fit, ask such party or witness whether he will take the oath or not.

If such party or witness accepts such oath, the Court may proceed to administer it, or if it is of such a nature that it may be more conveniently taken out of Court, the Court may issue a Commission to any person to administer it, and authorise such person to take the evidence of the person to be sworn and return it to the Court.

The evidence so given shall, as against the person who offered to be bound by it, be conclusive proof of the matter stated.

If the party or witness refuses to take the oath, he shall not be compelled to take it, but the Court shall record, as part of the proceedings, the nature of the oath proposed, the facts that he was asked whether he would take it, and that he refused it, together with any reason which he may assign for his refusal.

5. No omission to take any oath or to make any solemn or simple affirmation, no substitution of any one for any other of them, and no irregularity whatever in the form in which any one of them is administered, shall invalidate any proceeding or render inadmissible any evidence whatever, in or in respect of which such omission, substitution, or irregularity took place.

Proceedings and evidence not invalidated by omission of oath or irregularity.

Saving of certain oaths and affirmations.

power to repeal.

6. Nothing in this Act shall apply to oaths or affirmations prescribed by any law which, under the provisions of the Indian Councils' Act, 1861, the Governor-General in Council has not the

ACT NO. VII OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 5th April 1872.)

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Courts in British Burmah.

Preamble.
follows :—

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Courts in British Burmah ; It is hereby enacted as

PART I. CHAPTER I. PRELIMINARY,

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Burmah Courts Act, 1872."

Extent.
Commencement.

It extends to all the territories under the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah ;

and shall come into force on the passing thereof.

2. All suits, appeals, applications, or proceedings, instituted previous to the passing of this Act in any Court, other than the Courts of the Chief Commissioner and the Recorders of Rangoon and Maulmain, respectively, shall be heard and disposed of by the Courts in which they were instituted.

Abolition of certain Courts.

3. From the date of the passing of this Act the Court of the Chief Commissioner and the Courts of the Recorders of Rangoon and Maulmain, as established by Act XXI of 1863, shall cease to exist.

4. All suits, appeals, applications, or proceedings pending in the Court of the Chief Commissioner, shall be transferred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner ; those pending in the Court of the present Recorder of Rangoon shall be transferred to the Court of the Recorder of Rangoon to be established under this Act ; and those pending in the Court of the Recorder of Maulmain shall, if they are of a civil nature, be transferred to the Court of the Judge of the Town of Maulmain, and if they are of a criminal nature, to the Court which has jurisdiction under this Act.

Transfer of suits pending in Courts of Chief Commissioner and Recorder.

Repeal of Act.

5. The Acts mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed are hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column thereof.

CHAPTER II.

LAW TO BE ADMINISTERED.

Certain decisions to be according to Native law.

6. Where, in any suit or proceeding, it is necessary for any Court under this Act to decide any question regarding succession, inheritance, marriage, or caste, or any religious usage or institution, the Buddhist law in cases where the parties are Buddhists, the Mahomedan law in cases where the parties are Mahomedans, and the Hindoo law in cases where the parties are Hindoos, shall form the rule of decision, except in so far as such law has, by legislative enactment, been altered or abolished, or is opposed to any custom having the force of law in British Burmah.

In cases not provided for by the former part of this section or by any other law for the time being in force, the Court shall act according to justice, equity, and good conscience.

7. Except as provided in section six all questions of fact, law, and equity arising in suits before the Recorder of Rangoon shall be dealt with and determined according to the law administered by the High Court at Fort William in Bengal, in the exercise of its ordinary original civil jurisdiction.

CHAPTER III.

CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF COURTS.

8. The Courts mentioned in the first column of the subjoined table shall ordinarily have such civil jurisdiction respectively, in the adjudication of suits arising within their local jurisdiction, as is specified in the second column thereof :

Name of Court.	Extent of Jurisdiction.
(1.) The Court of the Extra Assistant Commissioner of the third class.	Powers of a Civil Court where the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit does not exceed rupees five hundred.
(2.) The Court of the Extra Assistant Commissioner of the second and first class, and the Assistant Commissioner.	Powers of a Civil Court where the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit does not exceed rupees three thousand.
3.) The Court of the Deputy Commissioner.	<p>Powers of a Civil Court in all suits, whatever be the value or the amount of the subject-matter thereof.</p> <p>Powers of a District Judge.</p> <p>Power to hear appeals from decrees and orders in original suits and proceedings of the Courts of grades (1) and (2), where such appeal is allowed by law.</p> <p>Power to direct the business in the Courts of grades (1) and (2) to be distributed among such Courts in such way as he thinks fit.</p>
(4.) The Court of the Judge of the Town of Maulmain.	<p>Powers of a District Judge.</p> <p>Powers of a Civil Court, whatever be the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit.</p> <p>Powers of a Court of Small Causes, where the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit does not exceed rupees one thousand.</p>
(5.) The Court of the Commissioner.	<p>Power to withdraw any suit or appeal instituted in any Court within the local limits of his jurisdiction, except a Court of Small Causes, or the Court of the Judge of the Town of Maulmain, and try such suit or appeal himself or refer it for trial to any Subordinate Court of competent jurisdiction as to the amount or value of the subject-matter thereof.</p> <p>Power to hear appeals from decrees and orders in original suits and proceedings of the Court of grade (3), where such appeal is allowed by law.</p>

Name of Court.	Extent of Jurisdiction.
(6.) The Court of the Judicial Commissioner.	<p>Powers of a High Court, in relation to all Courts in British Burmah, including Small Cause Courts, except the Court of the Recorder of Rangoon, and the Court of Small Causes of Rangoon.</p> <p>Power to remove and try any suit, appeal, or other proceeding instituted in any Subordinate Court, except a Court of Small Causes, or to refer it to any Court of competent jurisdiction as to the value or amount of the subject-matter thereof.</p> <p>Power to hear appeals from decrees and orders, in original suits and proceedings, of the Court of the Commissioner, where such appeal is allowed by law.</p>

Provided that, where a Small Cause Court is established within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Courts (1), (2), and (3), the said Courts shall not take cognizance of any suit cognizable by such Court of Small Causes.

Powers of Judicial Commissioner in criminal matters;

of Magistrates within the local limits of the ordinary civil jurisdiction of the said Recorder :

of Commissioner,
and of Judge of Maulmain.

Power to fix number of Courts,
published under this Act.

Chief Commissioner to fix local jurisdiction of Courts.

Court mentioned in section eight.

Confirmation of existing Courts and presiding officers.

fixed under this Act.

13. Every Court mentioned in section eight shall—

Seal to be used.

Place for holding Court.

thinks fit.

14. The general superintendence over all the Courts of the first five grades mentioned in section eight is vested in, and the said Courts shall be subordinate to, the Judicial Commissioner ; and, subject to such general superintendence, the Commissioner shall have control over the Courts of the Deputy Commissioners within his Division : and the Deputy Commissioner over all the Courts of the first and second grades within his district.

15. Subject to the orders of the Chief Commissioner, the Judicial Commissioner shall prepare a list of days to be observed in each year as close holidays in his Court and the Courts subordinate to him.

List of holidays.

Chief Commissioner may give special jurisdiction.

ceed five thousand rupees.

9. The Judicial Commissioner shall be deemed to have and to have had the powers of a High Court in criminal matters in relation to all Courts in Burmah, except that of the Recorder of Rangoon, and the Court of Small Causes of Rangoon, and the Court of Small Causes of Rangoon :

The Commissioner shall be deemed to have and to have had the powers of a Sessions Judge :

The Judge of the Town of Maulmain shall have the powers of a Sessions Judge.

10. The Governor-General in Council shall fix, and may from time to time vary, the number of Courts of each grade to be established under this Act.

11. The Chief Commissioner shall, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, fix, and may with the like sanction from time to time vary, the local limits of the jurisdiction of any Court mentioned in section eight.

12. All existing Courts, corresponding to the Courts mentioned in section eight, and the presiding officers and the local limits thereof, shall be deemed to have been respectively established, appointed, and

(1) use a seal of such form and dimensions as are for the time being prescribed by the Chief Commissioner ;

(2) be held at such place or places as may from time to time be directed by the Chief Commissioner ; or, in the absence of any such direction, at any place within the local jurisdiction of the Court which the presiding officer

Special Jurisdiction.

16. The Chief Commissioner may invest any Assistant Commissioner, or Extra Assistant Commissioner of the first or second class, with power to try suits of which the amount or value does not exceed five thousand rupees.

Chief Commissioner may invest certain Courts with powers of Judge of Small Causes.

such value or amount as he thinks fit, not exceeding five hundred rupees.

Any Court so invested shall, in the exercise of the powers so conferred, be governed by the provisions of the law for the time being in force regulating the procedure of Courts of Small Causes.

Exercise, by Chief Commissioner, of powers of Local Government.

Exercise by one Court, within limits of another of same grade, of powers of latter.

17. The Chief Commissioner may invest any presiding officer of the Courts of grades (2) and (3) mentioned in section eight with the powers of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes, to hear and determine suits of a nature cognizable by a Court of Small Causes, and of

18. The Chief Commissioner may exercise the powers conferred on the Local Government by section seven of Act XI of 1865.

19. The Chief Commissioner may empower the presiding officer of any Court mentioned in section eight to exercise the powers, which might be exercised by the presiding officer of any other Court of the same grade, within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the latter Court.

Procedure.

Procedure when subject-matter of suit is situate within jurisdiction of different Courts.

20. Where a suit is brought for immoveable property situate within the local jurisdiction of different Courts included in the same Division, application for authority to proceed with the same shall be made to the Commissioner of the Division :

If the said Courts belong to different Divisions, the application shall be made to the Judicial Commissioner, through the Commissioner of the Division in which the Court wherein the suit was instituted is included :

If either of the said Courts is the Court of the Recorder of Rangoon, the application shall be made to the Chief Commissioner.

21. No presiding officer of any Court mentioned in section eight shall, unless with the consent of the parties or the direction of the Chief Commissioner, try any suit or appeal in which he is a party or personally interested, or any appeal against a decree or order passed by himself ; or shall adjudicate upon any proceeding connected with, or arising out of,

such suit or appeal :

When any such suit, appeal, or proceeding comes before any such presiding officer, he shall forthwith, unless the parties apply that he proceed with the case himself, transmit the record to the Court to which he is immediately subordinate,

which may try or transfer to other Court.

the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit.

In the event of

Trial of appeal from order of Judicial Commissioner in other capacity or in which he is interested.

the case himself or transfer it to the Court of the Recorder of Rangoon.

the case himself, transmit the record to the Court to which he is immediately subordinate, with a report of the circumstances attending the reference :

The Superior Court shall thereupon try the case itself, or transfer it for trial to any Subordinate Court of competent jurisdiction as to

an appeal being preferred to the Judicial Commissioner from a judgment or order passed by him in any other capacity, or in which he has any personal interest, he shall, unless the parties apply that he proceed with the case himself, report the fact to the Chief Commissioner, who shall either direct the Judicial Commissioner to try

Appointment and removal.

Appointment of officers.
by the Governor-General in Council.

The Extra Assistant Commissioner of the third class shall be appointed and may be removed by the Chief Commissioner.

Suspension and removal of presiding officers.

22. The presiding officers of all the Courts except that of the Extra Assistant Commissioner of the third class shall be appointed

23. The presiding officer of any Court under this Act may, for any misconduct, be suspended or removed by the Governor-General in Council.

The presiding officer of any Court except the Courts of the Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon may, for any misconduct, be suspended by the Chief Commissioner, but shall not be removed without the sanction of the Governor-General in Council.

Appointment of ministerial officers of Courts (1) and (2) mentioned in section 8.

24. The ministerial officers of the Courts of grades (1) and (2) mentioned in section eight shall be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner within whose local jurisdiction such Courts are situate.

The ministerial officers of all other Courts shall be appointed by the presiding officers thereof;

provided, that the appointment of every ministerial officer of a Court subordinate to the Judicial Commissioner, whose monthly salary exceeds fifty rupees, shall be subject to the sanction of the Judicial Commissioner.

25. Every Court of the grades (1) and (2) mentioned in section eight may fine in an amount not exceeding one month's salary any of its ministerial officers who is guilty of misconduct or neglect in the performance of the duties of his office.

The Deputy Commissioner, subject to the general control of the Commissioner, may on appeal or otherwise reverse or modify any such order; and may of his own motion remove, suspend from office, or fine up to the amount of one month's salary, any ministerial officer of a Court subordinate to him.

The presiding officer of any of the Courts of grades (4), (5), and (6) mentioned in section eight and of any Court of Small Causes, may remove or suspend the ministerial officers of his Court, or fine them in an amount not exceeding one month's salary; but every such removal or suspension of an officer whose salary exceeds fifty rupees per month shall be subject to the review of the Judicial Commissioner.

Recovery of fines.

26. Any fine imposed under this chapter shall, if the order imposing it so directs, be recovered from the offender's salary.

General control of Chief Commissioner over appointments and removals of ministerial officers.

27. The Chief Commissioner shall have a power of general control over all appointments and removals of ministerial officers under this Act.

Civil Appeals.

28. The memorandum of appeal must, when the appeal lies to the Commissioner, be presented within six weeks, the period being reckoned from and exclusive of the day on which the decision or order appealed against was passed, and also exclusive of such time as may be requisite for obtaining a copy of such decision or order.

Time allowed for presenting appeals to Commissioner.

29. The Chief Commissioner may direct that the civil appellate jurisdiction of any Commissioner shall be transferred to the Judicial Commissioner either wholly or in respect of a particular suit or class of suits and either for a specified time or until further orders. The Chief Commissioner may also at any time direct that any appellate jurisdiction which has been so transferred to the Judicial Commissioner shall revert to the Commissioner, from whom it was so transferred.

Transfer of civil appellate jurisdiction to Judicial Commissioner.

30. The Appellate Court may confirm the decision of the Lower Court, without summoning the respondent, if, upon perusal of the judgment of the Lower Court and of the petition of appeal in the presence of the appellant or his pleader, there appear to the Appellate Court to be no reason to alter the decision appealed from.

Confirmation of decision of Lower Court without summoning respondent.

31. When in the trial of any civil appeal the Appellate Court entertains a doubt in regard to a question of law or usage having the force of law, or as to the construction of a document, or as to the admissibility of any evidence affecting the merits of the case, such Court may draw up a statement of the point, as to which it is in doubt, and refer it, with the Court's own opinion, for the decision of the Judicial Commissioner.

Reference to Judicial Commissioner.

32. The Judicial Commissioner shall, after considering the point so referred, send a ruling thereon to the Court by which the reference was made; and such Court shall, on the receipt of such ruling, proceed to dispose of the case in conformity therewith.

Procedure on such reference.

Costs of reference.
the reference arose.

The costs, if any, consequent on any such reference to the Judicial Commissioner, shall be costs in the appeal out of which

33. If in any suit the decision of the Deputy Commissioner or of the Commissioner, passed in appeal, reverse or modify the decision of the Court of original jurisdiction, the Judicial Commissioner may receive a second appeal, if, on a perusal of the grounds of appeal and of copies of the judgments of the Subordinate Courts, a further consideration of the case appears to him to be requisite for the ends of justice.

When Judicial Commissioner may receive second appeal.

When decision of first Appellate Court to be final. shall be final.

34. If the Court of first appeal confirms the decision of the Court of original jurisdiction on a matter of fact, such decision

35. If the Court of first appeal confirms the decision of the Court of original jurisdiction on a question of law or custom having the force of law, or the construction of any document, or the admissibility of any evidence affecting the merits of the case, the party aggrieved by such decision may apply to such Court to draw up a statement of the point as to which he considers such Court to have made an incorrect ruling and to submit it to the Judicial Commissioner.

Reference to Judicial Commissioner when decision of Lower Court confirmed on certain points.

Such application shall not be admitted, unless it is made within the period and after payment of the fee prescribed by law for petitions of appeal.

If the Court consider that there is a question of law or custom having the force of law, or as to the construction of a document or admissibility of evidence affecting the merits of the case, it shall make a statement of the same and of such facts only of the case as are necessary to explain it, and shall submit such statement, together with the record of the case, to the Judicial Commissioner.

If the Court refuses to make such statement, it shall record in writing its reasons for so refusing.

36. The Judicial Commissioner shall, with as little delay as possible, proceed to try the case referred, as if it were an appeal instituted in his Court, except that it shall not be necessary for the parties to be present: the Judicial Commissioner shall send a copy of his judgment to the Court by which the case was submitted, and the said Court shall dispose of the case in conformity with such judgment.

Procedure of Judicial Commissioner thereupon.

37. When the Judicial Commissioner entertains any doubt as to the decision to be passed on any appeal made or case referred under this Act, he may make a reference to the High Court of Fort William in Bengal and shall send the record of the said appeal or case and all the proceedings connected therewith to the said Court.

Reference by Judicial Commissioner to High Court.

Procedure thereupon.

reference made under this section.

Provisions as to costs to apply.

38. The provisions of section thirty-two as to the adjustment of costs, shall apply to cases referred under sections thirty-five and thirty-seven.

PART II.

CHAPTER IV.

COURT OF THE RECORDER OF RANGOON.

The Court of the Recorder of Rangoon.

The Recorder shall be appointed by the Governor-General in Council, and shall be a Barrister of not less than five years' standing, and shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Governor-General in Council.

Appointment of Recorder.

He shall hold his Court ordinarily in the Town of Rangoon; but the Chief Commissioner may direct him on any particular occasion to hold his Court either at Akyab or Maulmain for the trial of Civil suits or appeals transferred to him, or Criminal cases in which European British subjects are concerned.

Place of holding Court.

Seal to be used.

He shall use a seal of such form and dimensions as are for the time prescribed by the Chief Commissioner.

Civil Jurisdiction.

40. The present local limits of the jurisdiction of the Recorder of Rangoon shall be the local limits of the ordinary civil jurisdiction of the Recorder, appointed under this Act; but the Chief Commissioner may from time to time, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, vary such limits.

41. The Court of the Recorder shall have jurisdiction in the adjudication of suits of every description, except those which are cognizable by a Court of Small Causes, if, in the case of immoveable property, the subject-matter of the suit is situate, or if, in all other cases, the defendant at the time of the commencement of the suit dwells or carries on business or personally works for gain, within the limits mentioned or referred to in section forty. Where such immoveable property is situate partly within the local jurisdiction of the Recorder and partly within the jurisdiction of some other Court, the Chief Commissioner shall determine by what Court the suit shall be tried.

No appeal from Recorder's Court in certain cases.

42. There shall be no appeal from the decree or order of the Recorder, passed in any original suit or proceeding, where the amount or value of the subject-matter thereof does not exceed three thousand

rupees.

Where such amount or value exceeds three thousand rupees, and is less than the amount for which an appeal will lie to Her Majesty in Council under the law for the time being in force regulating such appeals, an appeal shall lie to the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal.

43. For the trial of civil suits under this Act, the Recorder may constitute one or more persons assessor or assessors of the Court. Such person or persons shall attend during the trial of the suit, and shall deliver his or their opinion or opinions in writing, to be recorded on the proceedings. But the decision of the case shall rest with the Recorder. No officer of the Recorder's Court shall be appointed an assessor under this section.

If any such assessor is appointed at the desire of the parties to a suit or either of them, such parties or party shall deposit such sum as the Recorder decides to be reasonable compensation to such assessor for his time and trouble. Such sum shall be recoverable as costs in the case.

44. The Recorder shall, within the local limits of his ordinary civil jurisdiction, exercise the powers of a District Judge; and he shall also exercise the powers of a District Judge under Act IV of 1869 (*The Indian Divorce Act*) throughout British Burmah.

Recorder's powers in respect of Small Cause Court, Rangoon.

45. The Recorder shall in respect of the Court of Small Causes in Rangoon, exercise the powers of a High Court.

46. The Recorder may, if he thinks fit, grant a new trial in any suit tried by him, if, in suits relating to land or other immoveable property, such new trial be applied for within three months from the date of the decision, and, in all other cases, if it be applied for within thirty days from the date of the decision. Provided that nothing hereinbefore contained shall interfere with the power of the Recorder to allow a review of judgment, under the

And review of judgment.

Code of Civil Procedure, if such review be applied for within the period allowed by the said Code for making such applications. Provided also that, in any case in which the Recorder thinks it necessary to do so, he may, before granting a new trial or a review, require the party applying for the same to give sufficient security for the due compliance with the terms of the decree or order which it is sought to set aside or review.

47. If in any suit any question of law or usage having the force of law, or the construction of a document affecting the merits of the decision, arises, on which the Recorder entertains any doubt, the Recorder may, either of his own motion, or on the application of the parties to the suit or either of them, draw up a statement of the case, and submit such statement, with his own opinion, for the decision of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal.

In case of doubt as to certain questions, statement of case may be submitted for decision of High Court.

48. The Recorder may proceed in the case, notwithstanding a reference to the said

And decree may be passed contingent thereon: but, pending receipt, execution not to issue.

High Court, and may pass a decree contingent upon the opinion of the High Court on the point referred; but no execution shall be issued in any case, in which a reference has been made to the High Court, until the receipt of the order of that Court.

49. Cases referred under section forty-seven for the opinion of the High Court

Full bench to deal with cases referred.

shall be dealt with by a bench of two or more Judges of that Court.

50. The parties

And parties may appear in person, or by advocate, &c. Transmission of judgment of High Court, and proceeding thereupon.

to the case may appear and be heard in the High Court in person, or by an Advocate or Pleader: but they shall not be bound so to appear; and the High Court, when it has heard and considered the case, shall transmit a copy of its judgment, under the seal of the Court and the signature of the proper officer of the Court, to the Recorder, who shall, on the receipt thereof, proceed to

dispose of the case conformably to the decision of the High Court.

Costs of reference to High Court.

Costs, if any, consequent on the reference of a case for the opinion of the High Court, shall be costs in the suit.

51. The Chief

Transfer of suits to Recorder's Court.

Commissioner may direct the transfer to the Recorder's Court of any suit or appeal which may have been instituted in any Court in British Burmah other than the said Recorder's Court. Every case so transferred shall be tried and determined by the Recorder in the same manner as if he had originally had jurisdiction in such case and it had been instituted in his Court.

Trial of such suits.

52. When any

Disposal of suit where Recorder is interested.

suit or proceeding comes before the Recorder of Rangoon, in which he is a party or personally interested, he shall, unless the parties apply that he proceed with the case himself, report the fact to the Chief Commissioner, who shall either direct the Recorder to try

the case himself, or transfer it to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner.

The Judicial Commissioner shall have the same jurisdiction in the adjudication of

Jurisdiction of Judicial Commissioner in cases transferred.

cases so transferred, as the Recorder has in suits and proceedings cognizable by him under this Act, and the provisions of sections forty-six to fifty inclusive shall apply to such cases.

Criminal Jurisdiction.

53. The Recorder shall exercise the powers of a Court of Session, as defined in the

Recorder to exercise powers of Session Court within his civil jurisdiction.

Code of Criminal Procedure, within the local limits of his ordinary civil jurisdiction. Provided that sentences of death passed by him as a Court of Session, shall be subject to the confirmation of the Special Court.

And powers of revision of High Court as to proceedings of Magistrates.

54. The Recorder shall exercise the powers exercisable by a High Court as a Court of Revision, in respect of the proceedings of Magistrates within the local limits of his ordinary civil jurisdiction.

55. The Recorder shall exercise the powers of a High Court for the trial of

And powers of High Court as to European British subjects.

European British subjects; and all commitments of European British subjects on charges of offences committed within British Burmah, which would, according to the law for the time being relating to Criminal Procedure, be made to a High Court, shall be made to his Court.

Proceedings to be regulated by Code of Criminal Procedure.

56. The proceedings on trials held by the Recorder for the trial of European British subjects, shall be regulated by the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Liability of Military officers to serve as jurors. of the place of sitting of the Court, shall be liable to serve as jurors for the trial of European British subjects.

Provided that European officers in the Military Service, Commissioned and Non-Commissioned, resident within ten miles

List of officers liable to serve.

The Officer Commanding the Station where the Court of Session is about to be held shall, when required, send in to the Court a list containing the names of all officers liable to serve.

The summons to any such officer to serve as a juror shall be sent through the officer Commanding the Station; but no officer shall be excused from attendance, unless the officer Commanding the Station shall certify in writing to the Court that the presence of the officer summoned is required elsewhere on urgent military duty; and in such certificate the Commanding Officer shall supply the name of some other officer for service upon the jury.

Sentence of death to be referred to High Court.

57. Sentences of death passed in the exercise of the powers conferred by section fifty-five shall not be carried out without the confirmation of the High Court at Fort William in Bengal, to whom such sentences shall be referred.

Advocates.

58. No person shall be permitted to appear or act as the Advocate of any suitor in the Court of the Recorder, unless such person has been licensed thereto by the Recorder, either generally or specially; and the Recorder may make rules for the qualification and admission of proper persons to act as Advocates in his Court, and may from time to time cancel, vary, or add to, any such rules. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to prevent any person from appearing or acting as the agent for the Secretary of State for India in Council, or to prevent any suitor from appearing, pleading, or acting on his own behalf or on behalf of a co-sutor. Provided also that any person, who for the time being is an Advocate, Vakeel, or Attorney-at-law of any of the High Courts of Judicature in India, shall be entitled, without any such license, to act as an Advocate for any suitor in the Court of the Recorder.

Licensing of Advocates, and rules regarding qualifications and admission.

Saving of agent for Secretary of State, &c.

And of Advocates, &c., of High Courts.

The Recorder may, for any sufficient reason, suspend or withdraw any license granted under this section. Any person aggrieved by such suspension or withdrawal may appeal to the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal.

License may be suspended or withdrawn.

59. The fees to be received by any Advocate, whether generally or specially licensed by the Recorder, or entitled to act in his Court as an Advocate for another person without a license, under section fifty-eight of this Act, shall at all times be subject to the control and taxation of the said Recorder, and no fees shall be recoverable by any Advocate except such fees as shall have been allowed by the Recorder on taxation.

Fees of Advocates, &c., subject to taxation.

Rules of the Court.

60. Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of Recorder of Rangoon and during any absence of the Recorder, the Chief Commissioner may direct the Judicial Commissioner or any Commissioner to perform the duties of the Recorder; and the Judicial Commissioner or the Commissioner so directed shall thereupon be authorized to preside in the Court of the Recorder, and to exercise the jurisdiction of the Recorder until some person shall have been appointed by the Governor-General in Council to fill or officiate in the office of the Recorder, and shall have entered upon the discharge of the duties of such office, or until the Recorder shall have returned from such absence.

Provision for discharge of duties of Recorder in case of vacancy in his office.

61. The ministerial officers of the Court of the Recorder of Rangoon shall be appointed by the Recorder, who may also remove or suspend them, or fine them in an amount not exceeding one month's salary; but the suspension or removal of any officer drawing a salary of one hundred rupees or upwards shall be subject to the orders of the

Appointment and removal of ministerial officers.

Chief Commissioner.

62. The Recorder shall keep such registers and books and accounts, and submit to the Chief Commissioner such statements and returns as may, subject to the approval of the Governor-General in Council, be prescribed by the Chief Commissioner. The said Recorder shall also comply with such requisitions for information as are made by the Chief Commissioner, and generally, in matters not judicial, shall be subject to the control of the Chief Commissioner.

Registers, &c., to be kept, and returns to be submitted, by Recorder.

63. The Recorder may make and issue general rules for regulating the practice and

Power to make rules of practice.

procedure of his Court, and may prescribe forms for every proceeding therein for which he thinks that a form should be provided, and may from time to time alter any such rule or form; and the rules so made, and the forms so framed, shall be published in the local official Gazette, and after being so published shall be observed and used in the said Court: Provided that such rules and forms shall not be inconsistent with the Codes of Civil or Criminal Procedure or any other law for the time being in force, and shall, before they are published, have received the sanction of the Chief Commissioner.

64. The Recorder may, with the previous sanction of the Chief Commissioner,

Rules for service and execution of process, and table of fees for same.

Publication of same.

make, and may from time to time alter, rules to regulate the service and execution of the processes of his Court within the local limits of his jurisdiction; and may settle a table of fees to be allowed to the persons employed in such service or execution. All such rules and tables shall be published in the local official Gazette, and shall thenceforth have the force of law.

65. The Recorder shall, at the commencement of each year, draw up a list of holidays

Holidays and vacations.

and vacations to be observed in his Court, and shall submit the same for the sanction of the Chief Commissioner.

Rules before made to be in force until others made under this Act.

Rules heretofore made to regulate the service and execution of process under Act XXI of 1863, or Act III of 1866, shall be deemed to be in force until superseded by rules made under this Act.

CHAPTER V.

SPECIAL COURT.

66. The Special Court under this Act shall ordinarily be constituted by the Judicial

Constitution of Special Court.

Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon sitting together; but the Chief Commissioner may direct any Commissioner to sit in the Court as an additional Judge. Such Commissioner shall record his opinion in the case, and in case of a difference of opinion, the opinion of the majority shall be the decision of the Court.

67. When the Judicial Commissioner and Recorder sit together as a Special

Precedence in Special Court.

Court, the senior officer, according to priority of appointment, shall have the precedence in the Court so formed.

Use of Seal.

The Special Court shall use a seal of such form and dimensions as the Chief Commissioner from time to time directs.

68. The Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon may, in concurrence,

Rules for Special Court.

Special Court.

and subject to the sanction of the Chief Commissioner, frame rules of practice for regulating the times and places of the sittings of the

69. Appeals from orders and decrees passed by the Judge of the town of Maulmain

Appeals from Judge of Maulmain.

in civil suits and proceedings shall, where an appeal is allowed by law, be heard and determined by the Special Court. Such appeals shall be presented in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner.

70. If, in any civil suit or appeal, or in any criminal case or appeal, pending in the

Judicial Commissioner and Recorder may sit as Special Court at the request of either.

Court of the Judicial Commissioner or of the Recorder of Rangoon, the one Court wishes to obtain the opinion of the other on any question of fact or law, or usage having the force of law, or the construction of a document, or wishes to obtain the assistance of the other for the determination of the case pending before it, such Court shall record a memorandum to that effect; and after the receipt of a copy of such memorandum by the other Court, the Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon shall sit together as soon as may be convenient and shall form a Special Court for the disposal of the said question or for the determination of the case.

71. The Chief Commissioner may direct that any civil suit or appeal, or any criminal case or appeal, pending in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner or of the Recorder of Rangoon, shall be tried before the Special Court.

72. Any decree or sentence passed by a Special Court as above constituted on a reference made under section seventy or in a case tried under section seventy-one shall issue as, and be deemed to be, a decree or sentence of the Court from which the case was referred to the Special Court.

73. Any person convicted on a trial held by the Recorder of Rangoon as a Court of Session, may, where an appeal is allowed by law, appeal to the Special Court. Such appeal shall be presented in the Court of the said Recorder.

74. The Special Court shall exercise the powers exercisable by a High Court as a Court of reference, in respect of sentences of death passed by the Recorder of Rangoon, in cases tried by him as a Court of Session.

75. Whenever, in cases tried by the Judicial Commissioner and Recorder of Rangoon sitting together as a Special Court without a Commissioner, a difference of opinion arises in such Court, the following rules shall be observed :—

(1.) If the difference of opinion arise in a civil appeal, and if either the judicial Commissioner or Recorder of Rangoon concur in the ruling of the Court from whose decision the appeal has been made, such ruling shall be upheld. If the difference of opinion arise as to some point of law, or custom having the force of law, or the admissibility of evidence or construction of a document affecting the merits of the case, and if either the Judicial Commissioner or the Recorder of Rangoon be of opinion that the point should be referred to the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, they shall state the point as to which they differ, and forward the statement with their respective opinions thereon to the High Court.

(2.) In all other cases, the point shall be referred to the High Court with a similar statement of opinions.

76. Where such reference is in a civil suit, the Special Court may proceed in the case notwithstanding such reference, and may determine the suit contingently on the opinion of the said High Court on the point referred; but no final execution shall be issued in any civil case in which a reference is made, until the receipt of such opinion.

77. The High Court shall proceed to determine the point referred, as if it were an appeal instituted in such Court, except that it shall not be necessary for the parties to appear either personally or by agent. A copy of the determination of the High Court shall be sent to the Court from which the case was referred to the Special Court, and such Court shall dispose of the case accordingly.

The costs, if any, consequent on the reference of the case for the opinion of the High Court, shall be costs in the suit or appeal.

CHAPTER VI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

78. Instead of the last paragraph of section seven of Act XV of 1869, the following Amendment of section shall be read :—
7, Act XV of 1869.

“ For the purposes of this Act every jail in British Burmah shall be deemed to be situate within the local limits of the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Judicial Commissioner; and the Recorder of Rangoon may issue orders, under this section or sections three or four, and may also issue commissions under Part III of this Act, in any town in British Burmah.

Saving of trials by Commissioner of Akyab as a Court of Session.

79. No trial heretofore had by the Commissioner of Akyab as a Court of Session shall be deemed to have been invalid merely on the ground that such trial was not by jury.

SCHEDULE.

No. and Year.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
VIII of 1859 ..	An Act for simplifying the Procedure of the Courts of Civil Judicature not established by Royal Charter.	Sections three hundred and seventy-two, three hundred and seventy-three, and three hundred and seventy-four, so far as they relate to British Burmah.
XXIII of 1861 ...	An Act to amend Act VIII of 1859 (<i>for simplifying the Procedure of the Courts of Civil Judicature not established by Royal Charter</i>).	Section twenty-three, section twenty-five and sections twenty-seven to thirty-four, both inclusive, so far as they relate to British Burmah.
I of 1863 ...	An Act to define the jurisdiction and to regulate the procedure of the Courts of Civil Judicature in British Burmah, and to provide for the extension of certain Acts to the said Territory.	The whole.
XXI of 1863 ...	An Act to constitute Recorders' Courts for the Towns of Akyab, Rangoon and Maulmain in British Burmah, and to establish Courts of Small Causes in the said Towns.	The whole.
XXIV of 1863 ...	An Act to amend Act I of 1863 (<i>to define the jurisdiction and to regulate the procedure of the Courts of Civil Judicature in British Burmah, and to provide for the extension of certain Acts to the said territory</i>).	The whole.
III of 1866 ..	An Act to confer certain increased powers on the Registrars of the Recorders' Courts in British Burmah, and for other purposes.	The whole

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ACT NO. VIII OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 19th April 1872).

An Act for imposing Duties on Income.

FOR the purpose of imposing duties on income arising from offices, property, professions, and trades ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Indian Income Tax Act :"

Local extent.

" It extends to the whole of British India ;

It shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April 1872, and it shall cease to be in force on the thirty-first day of March 1873, except as to taxes payable in respect of the period previous to the said thirty-first day of March 1873 and as to penalties incurred under this Act.

The references made in the Court Fees Act, schedule II, to the Indian Income Tax Act shall be deemed to be made to this Act.

Interpretation-clause.

2. In this Act—unless there be something repugnant in the subject or context—

" Income."

" Income " means income and profits accruing and arising in British India :

" Magistrate."

" Magistrate " means,

till the 1st day of September 1872,

any person exercising the powers of a Magistrate, or of a Subordinate Magistrate of the First Class,

and after the said day,

any Magistrate of the First or Second Class ; and it includes a Magistrate of Police and a Justice of the Peace :

" Company " means an Association, carrying on business in British India, whose stock or funds is or are divided into shares and transferable, whether such Company be incorporated or not, and whether its principal place of business be situate in British India or not :

" Company."

" Person."

" Person " includes a firm and a Hindoo undivided family :

" Defaulter."

" Defaulter " includes a Company or firm making default under this Act :

In the case of any firm or of any Company or Municipal or other public Body or Association not being a Company, " Collector " means the Collector of Land Revenue of the place or district at or in which its principal place of business in British India is situate. And, in the case of any person or Hindoo undivided family chargeable under this Act, " Collector " means the Collector of Land Revenue of the place or district at or in which such person or family resides.

" Collector."

3. Nothing in this Act applies to the pay and allowances of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of Her Majesty's Forces or of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, who are not in Civil employment, when such pay and allowances do not exceed five hundred rupees per mensem; or to any moveable or immoveable property solely employed for religious or charitable public purposes.

And no member of a firm or of a Hindoo undivided family, which is for the time being chargeable under this Act, shall, as such, be chargeable under this Act.

4. The Governor-General in Council may from time to time, by order, wholly exempt from the operation of this Act the whole or any part of the income of any tribe or class of persons in British India.

The Governor-General in Council may revoke any such order.

All orders and revocations made under this section shall be published in the *Gazette of India*.

PART II.

DUTIES ON OFFICES.

5. A duty of two pies for every rupee shall be levied in respect of every office or employment of profit in British India under Government or under a Company or a Municipal or other public Body or Association not being a Company, and upon every salary, annuity or pension, paid in British India by Government or by a Company or by a Municipal or other public Body or Association not being a Company to any person, residing in British India, or serving on board a ship plying to and from British Indian ports, whether on account of himself or another person.

6. No income amounting to less than eighty-three rupees, five annas and four pies per mensem shall be chargeable under this Part.

7. In the case of every person holding any paid office, employment, or commission under Her Majesty or under the Government of India, or under any Local Government, or receiving any annuity or pension from Her Majesty or any such Government, the duty, to which he is liable under this Part, shall be deducted from his pay, annuity, or pension at the time of payment by the Examiner of Claims or other proper officer, and shall be deemed to be a tax paid under this Act.

8. In the case of every person holding a paid employment under, or receiving any annuity or pension from, any Company or any Municipal or other public Body or Association not being a Company, the duty to which he is liable under this Part shall be deducted from his pay, annuity, or pension at the time of payment by the Treasurer or other officer whose duty it is to make such payments, and shall be deemed to be a tax payable under this Act.

Every such Treasurer or other officer shall, as soon as may be after making such deductions, pay to the credit of the Government of India, or as such Government from time to time directs, the amount of such deductions, and shall be answerable to such Government for such payment. Every Company, public Body, or Association, Treasurer, or other officer as aforesaid is hereby indemnified for all deductions and payments made in pursuance of this Part.

The Treasurer, Secretary, or principal Agent or Manager of every such Company and public Body or Association shall prepare, and, on or before the fifteenth day of May next, deliver to the Collector, in such form as may be prescribed by the Governor-General in Council, a return in writing showing the names of every person, holding at the date of the said return a paid employment under, or receiving a pension or annuity from, such Company or Body or Association, whose pay or pension or annuity as such amounts to eighty-three rupees, five

annas, and four pies per mensem or upwards, together with the salaries, annuities, or pensions payable by the Company or public Body or Association to all such persons respectively.

9. Whenever the duty, leviable under this Part in any month, is not deducted at the time of payment in that month from the pay, annuity, or pension, chargeable therewith, it shall be deducted from such pay, annuity or pension at some subsequent time of payment.

Subsequent deduction of duty omitted to be levied.

PART III.

DUTIES ON PROFITS OF COMPANIES.

10. The Treasurer, Secretary, or principal Agent or Manager in India of every Shipping Companies. Company shall, in the case of a Shipping Company trading between British India and any other country, pay to Government in respect of one moiety of the nett profits made by each of the ships of such Company engaged in such trade, during the year ending on the day on which the Company's accounts shall have been last made up, the duty of two pies in the rupee :

and, in the case of every other Company, pay to Government in respect of the whole of the nett profits made in British India by such Company during the year ending on the day on which the Company's accounts shall have been last made up, the duty of two pies for every rupee,

Other Companies. and shall prepare, and, on or before the fifteenth day of May next, deliver to the Collector a statement in writing signed by him showing the result of such accounts.

Statement of result of accounts.

11. If in the case of any Company no such accounts have been made up within the year ending on the thirty-first day of March 1872, the Treasurer, Secretary, or principal Agent or Manager of such Company shall prepare, and, on or before the fifteenth day of May next, deliver to the Collector a return in writing, signed by him and stating the nett profits made by such ships or by the Company (as the case may be) during the year ending on the said thirty-first day of March.

Annual return of nett profits.

12. Whenever the Collector has reason to believe that any statement or return mentioned in section ten or section eleven is incorrect or incomplete, he may cause a notice to be served on the Treasurer, Secretary, Agent or Manager by whom such statement or return was delivered, requiring him, on or before a day to be mentioned in the notice, to attend at the Collector's office and to produce for the inspection of the Collector such of the accounts of the Company as refer to the year mentioned in section ten or section eleven, as the case may be, and as are in the possession or power of such Treasurer, Secretary, Agent or Manager.

The Collector shall thereupon make an order, determining the amount at which the Company shall be assessed under this Part and the day on which such amount shall be paid; and, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, such sum shall be payable accordingly.

13. Every such Treasurer, Secretary, Agent or Manager is hereby indemnified for all payments made in pursuance of section ten or section twelve.

Indemnity.

PART IV.

DUTIES ON INTEREST ON GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

14. A yearly duty of two pies for every rupee shall be levied upon all interest on securities of the Government of India becoming due on or after the first day of April 1872.

Duty on interest.

15. Every person empowered to pay such interest shall deduct the duty at the place where the interest is paid, and shall, as soon as may be after making such deduction, pay the same to the credit of the Government of India, or as such Government from time to time directs :

Provided that no such duty shall be deducted from the interest on any such security, where the owner thereof produces a certificate signed by the Collector that his annual income, including such interest, is less than one thousand rupees.

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PART V.

DUTIES ON ALL OTHER INCOME.

Duty on income not charged under Parts II, III, IV.

17. The trustee, guardian, curator or committee of any infant, married woman subject to the law of England, lunatic, or idiot, and having the control of the property of such infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot, whether such infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot resides in British India or not, shall, if the infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot be chargeable under this Part, be chargeable with the said duty in like manner and to the same amount as would be charged to such infant if of full age, or to such married woman if she were sole, or to such lunatic or idiot if he were capable of acting for himself.

Non-residents charged in names of their agents.

Trustees or agents of persons incapacitated or non-resident to furnish statements of income.

or non-resident, together with a declaration of the truth of the statement.

The Collector shall have power to serve a notice upon any person, whom he has reason to believe to be a trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent requiring him to deliver, on or before a day to be specified in the notice, a statement, signed by him, of the names of the persons for or of whom he is trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent.

19. Receivers, Managers, Courts of Wards, Administrators-General and Official Trustees.

Power to retain duties charged on trustees, &c.

or when any Receiver or Manager appointed by any Court, any Court of Wards, Administrator-General, or Official Trustee is assessed under this Act in respect of the income and profits officially received by him ;

every person and Court so assessed may, from time to time out of the money coming to his or its possession as such trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent, or as such Receiver, Manager, Court of Wards, Administrator-General, or Official Trustee, retain so much as shall be sufficient to pay the amount of the assessment.

Indemnity.

Owners of lands or houses occupying them.

the year.

16. A yearly duty of two pies for every rupee shall be levied upon all incomes of one thousand rupees per annum or upwards not chargeable under Part II, Part III, or Part IV of this Act.

guardian, curator or committee of any infant, married woman subject to the law of England, lunatic, or idiot, and having the control of the property of such infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot, whether such infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot resides in British India or not, shall, if the infant, married woman, lunatic, or idiot be chargeable under this Part, be chargeable with the said duty in like manner and to the same amount as would be charged to such infant if of full age, or to such married woman if she were sole, or to such lunatic or idiot if he were capable of acting for himself.

Any person not resident in British India, whether a subject of Her Majesty or not, being in receipt, through an agent, of any income chargeable under this Part, shall be chargeable in the name of such agent in the like manner and to the like amount as he would be charged if resident in British India and in actual receipt of such income.

18. Every trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent shall, when required by the Collector, deliver a statement signed by him, of the amount of the income, in respect whereof he is chargeable on account of such infant, married woman, lunatic, idiot, or non-resident, together with a declaration of the truth of the statement.

The Collector shall have power to serve a notice upon any person, whom he has reason to believe to be a trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent requiring him to deliver, on or before a day to be specified in the notice, a statement, signed by him, of the names of the persons for or of whom he is trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent.

19. Receivers or Managers appointed by any Court in India, the Courts of Wards, the Administrators-General of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, and the Official Trustees, shall be chargeable under this Act in respect of all income officially in their possession or under their control.

20. When any trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent is assessed under this Act in such capacity ;

or when any Receiver or Manager appointed by any Court, any Court of Wards, Administrator-General, or Official Trustee is assessed under this Act in respect of the income and profits officially received by him ;

every person and Court so assessed may, from time to time out of the money coming to his or its possession as such trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent, or as such Receiver, Manager, Court of Wards, Administrator-General, or Official Trustee, retain so much as shall be sufficient to pay the amount of the assessment.

Every such person and Court is hereby indemnified for every retention and payment made in pursuance of this Act.

21. Owners of lands or houses, occupying the same, shall be chargeable in respect of the annual value thereof at nine-tenths of the full rent at which such lands or houses are worth to be let for

The Local Government may, with the sanction of the Governor-General in Council, prescribe for the whole or any part of the territories subject to such Local Government, special rules for the assessment of incomes derived from land, at an amount bearing a fixed proportion to the revenue assessed thereon.

All such rules shall be published in the local official Gazette and shall thereupon have the force of law.

Persons assessed under Part V of Act XII of 1871, on incomes of 1,000 rupees and upwards to be assessed at same amount.

reduced or cancelled.

In the case of every person chargeable under this Part, to whom the provisions of the last preceding paragraph do not apply, and whose annual income is, in the Collector's opinion, four thousand rupees or upwards, the Collector shall,

and in the case of every such person whose annual income is, in the Collector's opinion, less than four thousand rupees, the Collector may, cause a notice to be served on him, requiring him to fill in a return of his income during one year, ending on the day of the year immediately preceding the year of assessment on which his accounts have been usually made up, or on the thirty-first day of March 1872, and to state in such return the period during which such income has actually accrued.

Such notice shall be in the form to be prescribed by the Governor-General in Council, and shall specify the day by which the return is to be made, and the place of the Collector's office at which the return is to be made.

Every such notice shall be signed by the Collector.

The form of the return shall accompany the notice.

Return how made.

23. Every person, on whom such notice is served, shall send to or deliver at the Collector's office the return duly filled and signed by him.

A declaration shall be added by such person at the foot of the return, (a) that the income stated therein is truly estimated on all the sources therein mentioned, (b) that it has actually accrued within the period therein stated, and (c) that he has no other source of income.

24. Every person, when required so to do by a notice in the form to be prescribed by the Governor-General in Council, shall, within the period mentioned in such notice, prepare and deliver to the Collector a list containing, to the best of his belief, the name of every lodger or inmate resident in his dwelling-house, and of any other persons receiving salary or emoluments amounting to eighty-three rupees, five annas and four pies per mensem or upwards, employed in his service, whether resident in such dwelling-house or not, and the place of residence of such of them as are not resident in such dwelling-house, and also of any such lodger or inmate, who has any ordinary place of residence elsewhere, at which he is liable under this Act to be assessed, and who desires to be so assessed at such place.

Such list shall be signed by the persons respectively delivering the same, and shall be prepared in the form to be prescribed as aforesaid.

Collector to determine persons chargeable.

25. The Collector shall from time to time determine what persons are chargeable under this Part, and the amount at which every such person shall be assessed ;

and in making such assessment income exempted under section six shall be treated as chargeable under this Part.

26. Every such assessment shall be made upon the full amount of such person's income during the year ending on the day of the year next before the year of assessment on which his accounts have been usually made up, or on the thirty-first day of March 1872.

Assessment to be made on past year's income.

In the case of a person for the first time becoming chargeable under this Part within the year of assessment, or within the year next before such year, the assessment shall be made according to an average of his income for such period as the Collector, under the circumstances, directs.

Assessment when assessee becomes chargeable within year.

Notice to persons chargeable.

27. The Collector shall cause a notice to be served on every person chargeable under this Part, stating—

(1.)—The name and the profession, trade, or other source of the income of such person, or in respect of which he is chargeable ;

(2.)—The year or portion of the year for which the duty is to be paid ;

(3.)—The place or places, district or districts, where such income accrues ; and

(4.)—The amount to be paid ;

and requiring him within fifteen days from the date of the service either to pay such amount or to apply to the Collector to have the assessment reduced or cancelled.

Officer to give receipts.

28. Such amount shall be paid to the Collector, who shall give a receipt for such payment to the person making the same :

Provided that, if such income accrues at or in more than one place or district, the receipt shall be granted and payment made by and to the Collector for the place or district at or in which the person mentioned in the notice resides, or (in the case of a firm) at or in which its principal place of business in British India is situate.

Every such receipt shall be signed by the Collector granting it, or by such other officer as he shall from time to time empower in this behalf, and such signature shall be judicially noticed.

Contents of receipt.

29. Every such receipt shall specify—

(1.)—The name and source or sources of the income of the person by or on whose behalf the duty is paid ;

(2.)—The year or portion of the year for which the duty is paid ;

(3.)—The amount paid, and the date of payment ; and

(4.)—The place or places, district or districts, where the income accrues ;

and shall be admissible as evidence of all matters contained therein.

PART VI.

PETITIONS AND APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS.

Petition against assessment under Part V.

30. Any person objecting to the amount at which he is assessed, or denying his liability to be assessed under Part V, may apply by petition to the Collector in order to establish his right to have the

assessment reduced or cancelled :

Such petition shall ordinarily be presented within fifteen days from the date of the service of the notice mentioned in section twenty-seven. But if the Collector is satisfied that the objector has not received such notice, the petition may be presented within fifteen days from the day on which in the Collector's opinion he became aware of the assessment :

Provided that no person, served with a notice under section twenty-two, shall be entitled to apply by petition under this section, unless he has made the return required in such notice on or before the day therein

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mentioned, or unless he satisfies the Collector that he had a sufficient excuse for not making such return.

The petition shall be in the form contained in the schedule hereto annexed, or as near thereto as circumstances admit ; and the statements therein contained shall be verified by the petitioner or some other competent person in the manner required by law for the verification of plaints.

Form and verification of petition.

31. The Collector shall fix a day and place for the hearing of the petition, and, on the day and at the place so fixed, or on the day and at the place (if any) to which he has adjourned such hearing, shall hear such petition

Hearing of petition.

and pass his order thereon.

Such order may be in favour of the petitioner, or it may simply reject the petition, or it may reject the petition and enhance the petitioner's assessment to an amount to be specified in the order.

If the order be in favour of the petitioner, the Collector shall at once refund the fee on the petition.

If the order simply reject the petition, or reject the petition and enhance the petitioner's assessment, the petitioner shall within fifteen days from the passing of the order pay the amount mentioned in the said notice or in the order of enhancement, as the case may be.

32. Any person, dissatisfied with any order under section twelve or section thirty-one, may, within fifteen days from the date thereof, on payment of the sum payable under such order, present a petition of appeal to the Commissioner of Revenue of the Division, whose order upon such appeal shall be final.

The time requisite for obtaining a copy of the order shall be excluded in computing the said period of fifteen days.

The order of such Commissioner shall be final. It may be in favour of the petitioner, or it may simply reject the petition, or it may reject the petition and enhance the assessment to an amount to be specified in the decision.

If the order rejects the petition and enhances the assessment, the petitioner shall, within one week from the passing of the order, pay the amount mentioned in the order of enhancement.

Every petition presented under this section shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition to the Collector, and a copy of the Collector's order thereon, and a list of the documents, if any, on which the appellant relies.

Documents to accompany appeal.

Neither of such copies shall be chargeable under the Court Fees Act.

When the decision on such appeal is in favour of the petitioner, the value of the fee on his petition of appeal, and (where he has presented a petition to the Collector) the fee on such petition, together with the excess paid by him, or (when the decision is that the petitioner, or the Company which he represents, is not chargeable under this Act) the whole sum so paid, shall at once be refunded.

Return of fees and excess.

33. The Collector or Commissioner may summon any person, whom he thinks able to give evidence for the purpose of enabling him to determine how the petitioner, or the Company which he represents, should be assessed; and may examine on oath the person so summoned and the petitioner; and may require each of them to produce any documents in his possession or power relating to the sources of the income in question.

Power to summon persons to give necessary information.

34. Whenever the Collector has reason to believe that, in assessing any person under this Act, any source of income, not specified in the receipt granted to him under section twenty-eight, has been overlooked, which source, if it had then been known to exist, would have increased the assessment, the Collector may cause a further notice to be served on such person, stating the amount to be paid in respect of such source.

Power to issue fresh notice.

The provisions contained in sections twenty-seven to thirty-three (both inclusive) shall apply to such notice and regulate the procedure thereunder.

PART VII.

PAYMENT AND RECOVERY OF DUTIES.

35. All duties under this Act, except when they are deducted under section seven, section eight, or section fifteen shall be payable on the first day of May 1872:

Tax when payable.

Provided that the amount so payable may be paid by two equal instalments: the first instalment to be paid on some day not later than fifteen days after service of the notice mentioned in section twenty-seven upon the person paying the same, and the second instalment on the first day of October next.

Payment by instalments.

36. In any case of default under this Act, the Collector may, if a notice has been served on the defaulter requiring him to pay, within fifteen days from the date of the service, the amount of the duty or instalment due by him under this Act, either recover a sum not exceeding double the amount as if it were an arrear of land-revenue,

or pass an order that a sum, not exceeding double the amount of such duty or instalment, shall be recovered from such defaulter.

Every such order shall have the force of a decree of a Civil Court in a suit in which the Government is the plaintiff and the defaulter is the defendant; and such order may be enforced in manner provided by the Code of Civil Procedure for the enforcement of decrees for money; and the procedure under the said Code in respect of the following matters:—

- (a) sales in execution of decrees:
- (b) arrests in execution of decrees for money:
- (c) execution of decrees by imprisonment:
- (d) claims to attached property; and
- (e) execution of decrees out of the jurisdiction of the Courts by which they were

passed,

shall apply to every execution issued for levying the moneys mentioned in such order; save that all the powers and duties conferred and imposed by the said Code upon the Court shall be executed by the Collector, by whom such order has been made or to whom a copy thereof has been transmitted for execution according to the provisions of the said Code, section two hundred and eighty-six:

Provided that, where any person has presented a petition under section thirty, such sum shall not be recoverable from him unless, within fifteen days from the passing of the order thereon, he fails to pay the amount, if any, required by such order.

On the recovery of such sum from the defaulter, the Collector shall grant him a receipt without any further payment.

Every such receipt shall bear date from the recovery of the amount, and save as aforesaid, the provisions of this Act relating to receipts shall apply to receipts granted under this section.

37. If, during or within two months from the end of the year for which any assessment under Part V has been made, the Company or person assessed proves to the satisfaction of the Collector, that the nett profits or income of such Company or person during such year, fell short of the sum so assessed, the Collector may cause the assessment made for such year to be amended, as the case requires, and if the sum assessed has been paid, may refund the sum overpaid.

In case any Company or person, assessed under Part III or Part V, ceases to carry on the trade or business, in respect whereof such assessment was made; or if any such person dies or becomes insolvent before the end of the year for which the assessment was made; or if any such Company or person is, from any other specific cause, deprived of or loses the income on which the assessment was made,

such Company or person or its or his representative in interest may apply to the Collector within three months after the end of such year, and on proof thereof to his satisfaction, the Collector shall amend the assessment as the case may require, and give such relief to the Company or person charged as is just, and in cases requiring it, the Collector shall refund such sum as has been overpaid on the assessment amended or vacated.

PART VIII.

PENALTIES.

Treasurers, &c., failing to make payments or deliver returns.

38. Every Treasurer, Secretary, Agent, Manager, or other person, failing to make any payment or deduction, or to prepare and deliver in due time any statement or return, or to produce any accounts, required by section eight, ten, eleven, or twelve,

Trustees, &c., failing to deliver statements or declarations.

and every trustee, guardian, curator, committee, or agent, failing to deliver any statement or declaration required by section eighteen, shall for every day during which such default continues, be fined, on conviction before a Magistrate, ten rupees.

The Commissioner of the Division shall have power to remit wholly or in part any penalty imposed under this section.

39. Whoever makes a statement in any declaration or list made or delivered under section twenty-three or twenty-four, which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, shall be deemed to have committed the offence described in section one hundred and seventy-seven of the Indian Penal Code.

Whoever makes a statement in any petition, presented under section thirty, which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false, or does not believe to be true, shall be deemed to have intentionally given false evidence in a stage of a judicial proceeding.

Prosecution to be at instance of Collector.

Sections 193 and 228 of Penal Code to apply to proceedings.

40. No person shall be proceeded against for any offence under section thirty-eight or section thirty-nine except at the instance of the Collector.

41. In sections one hundred and ninety-three and two hundred and twenty-eight of the Indian Penal Code, the words "judicial proceeding" shall be taken to include any proceeding under this Act.

PART IX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bar of suits in Civil Court.

43. All or any Exercise of powers of Collector and Commissioner.

Service of notices. Collector.

42. No suit shall lie in any Civil Court to set aside or modify any assessment made under this Act.

of the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this Act on a Collector and on a Commissioner of Revenue, may be exercised and performed by such other officers or persons as the Local Government from time to time appoints in this behalf.

44. Service of any notice under this Act shall be made by delivering or tendering a copy thereof under the signature of the

Whenever it may be practicable, the service of the notice shall be on the person therein named, or, in the case of a firm or a Hindoo undivided family, on some member thereof.

When such person or member cannot be found, the service may be made on any adult male member of his family residing with him; and if no such adult male member can be found, the serving officer shall fix the copy of the notice on the outer door of the house in which the person or firm therein named ordinarily dwells or carries on business.

45. When any Company or firm has several places of business in the territories subject to different Local Governments, the Governor-General in Council shall have power to declare which of such places shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the principal place of business, and, when any Company has several Agents or Managers, which of them shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the principal Agent or Manager.

When any Company or firm has several places of business in the territories subject to a single Local Government, such Government shall have power to declare which of them shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the principal place of business.

When any person has several places of residence in the territories subject to different Local Governments, the Governor-General in Council shall have power to declare which of such places shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be his residence; and when any person has several places of residence in the territories subject to a single Local Government, such Government shall have power to declare which of such places shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be his residence.

Power to declare residence.

The powers given by this section may be delegated to and exercised by such officers as the Governor-General in Council or the Local Government, as the case may be, from time to time appoints in this behalf.

Power to prescribe forms and make rules. 46. The Governor-General in Council may from time to time

(a) prescribe forms for the returns, notices, and lists hereinbefore mentioned,

(b) make rules consistent with this Act for the guidance of officers in matters connected with its enforcement, and

(c) delegate to any Local Government the powers given by this section, clause (b), so far as regards the territories subject to such Government.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Petition under section 30.

Stamp eight annas.

TO THE COLLECTOR OF
The

day of

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The petition of A. B. of

SHWETH—

1.—That, under the Indian Income Tax Act, your petitioner has been assessed in the sum of *twenty-seven* rupees for the year commencing the first day of April 1872.

2.—That your petitioner's income and profits accruing and arising from [*here specify petitioner's trade or other source or sources of income or profits, and the place or places at which such income or profits accrues or arise*] for the year ending the thirty-first day of March last were rupees

, as will appear from the documents of which a list is presented herewith.

3.—That such income and profits actually accrued and arose during a period of months and days [*Here state the exact number of months and days in which the income and profits accrued and arose.*]

4.—That during the said year your petitioner had no other income or profits.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be assessed accordingly, and that the value of the fee on this petition may be refunded [*or that he may be declared not to be chargeable under the said Act, and that the value of the fee on this petition may be refunded*].

(Signed) A. B.

Form of Verification.

I, A. B., the petitioner named in the above petition, do declare that what is stated therein is true to the best of my information and belief.

(Signed) A. B

THE INDIAN CONTRACT ACT, 1872.

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SCHEDULE. Enactments repealed.

ACT NO. IX OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 25th April 1872.)

The Indian Contract Act.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to define and amend certain parts of the law relating to contracts ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Indian Contract Act, 1872."

Extent.
Commencement.

It extends to the whole of British India, and it shall come into force on the first day of September 1872.

The enactments
Enactments repealed.

mentioned in the schedule hereto are repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof ; but nothing herein contained shall affect the provisions of any Statute, Act, or Regulation not hereby expressly repealed, nor any usage or custom of trade, nor any incident of any contract, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Interpretation-clause.
context :—

2. In this Act the following words and expressions are used in the following senses, unless a contrary intention appears from the

(a.)—When one
"Proposal."

person signifies to another his willingness to do or to abstain from doing anything, with a view to obtaining the assent of that other to such act or abstinence, he is said to make a proposal.

(b.)— When the
"Promise."

person, to whom the proposal is made, signifies his assent thereto, the proposal is said to be accepted. A proposal when accepted, becomes a promise :

"Promisor" and "pro-
misee."

(c.)—The person making the proposal is called the 'promisor,' and the person accepting the proposal is called the 'promisee.'

(d.)—When, at the
"Consideration."

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"Agreement."

(e.)—Every promise and every set of promises, forming the consideration for each other, is an agreement :

"Reciprocal promises."

(f.)—Promises which form the consideration or part of the consideration for each other, are called reciprocal promises :

"Void agreement."

(g.)—An agreement not enforceable by law is said to be void :

"Contract."

(h.)—An agreement enforceable by law is a contract :

(i.)—An agreement
"Voidable contract."

which is enforceable by law at the option of one or more of the parties thereto, but not at the option of the other or others, is a voidable contract :

"Void contract."

(j.)—A contract which ceases to be enforceable by law becomes void when it ceases to be enforceable.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE COMMUNICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND REVOCATION OF PROPOSALS.

3. The communication of proposals, the acceptance of proposals, and the revocation of proposals and acceptances, respectively, are deemed to be made by any act or omission of the party proposing, accepting, or revoking, by which he intends to communicate such proposal, acceptance, or revocation, or which has the effect of communicating it.

Communication when complete. 4. The communication of a proposal is complete when it comes to the knowledge of the person to whom it is made.

The communication of an acceptance is complete, as against the proposer, when it is put in a course of transmission to him so as to be out of the power of the acceptor ;

as against the acceptor, when it comes to the knowledge of the proposer.

The communication of a revocation is complete, as against the person who makes it when it is put into a course of transmission to the person to whom it is made, so as to be out of the power of the person who makes it ; as against the person to whom it is made, when it comes to his knowledge.

Illustrations.

(a.) A proposes, by letter, to sell a house to B at a certain price.

The communication of the proposal is complete when B receives the letter.

(b.) B accepts A's proposal by a letter sent by post.

The communication of the acceptance is complete,

as against A, when the letter is posted ;

as against B, when the letter is received by A.

(c.) A revokes his proposal by telegram.

The revocation is complete as against A when the telegram is despatched. It is complete as against B when B receives it.

B revokes his acceptance by telegram. B's revocation is complete as against B when the telegram is despatched, and as against A when it reaches him.

Revocation of proposals and acceptances. 5. A proposal may be revoked at any time before the communication of its acceptance is complete as against the proposer, but not afterwards.

An acceptance may be revoked at any time before the communication of the acceptance is complete as against the acceptor, but not afterwards.

Illustration.

A proposes, by a letter sent by post, to sell his house to B.

B accepts the proposal by a letter sent by post.

A may revoke his proposal at any time before or at the moment when B posts his letter of acceptance, but not afterwards.

B may revoke his acceptance at any time before or at the moment when the letter communicating it reaches A, but not afterwards.

Revocation how made.

6. A proposal is revoked—

(1) by the communication of notice of revocation by the proposer to the other party ;

(2) by the lapse of the time prescribed in such proposal for its acceptance, or, if no time is so prescribed, by the lapse of a reasonable time, without communication of the acceptance ;

(3) by the failure of the acceptor to fulfil a condition precedent to acceptance ; or

(4) by the death or insanity of the proposer, if the fact of his death or insanity comes to the knowledge of the acceptor before acceptance.

Acceptance must be absolute.

7. In order to convert a proposal into a promise the acceptance must—

(1) be absolute and unqualified ;

(2) be expressed in some usual and reasonable manner, unless the proposal prescribes the manner in which it is to be accepted. If the proposal prescribes a manner in which it is to be accepted, and the acceptance is not made in such manner, the proposer may, within a reasonable time after the acceptance is communicated to him, insist that his proposal shall be accepted in the prescribed manner, and not otherwise ; but if he fails to do so, he accepts the acceptance.

Acceptance by performing conditions on receiving consideration.

9. In so far as Promises, express and implied.

8. Performance of the conditions of a proposal, or the acceptance of any consideration for a reciprocal promise which may be offered with a proposal, is an acceptance of the proposal.

the proposal or acceptance of any promise is made in words, the promise is said to be express. In so far as such proposal or acceptance is made otherwise than in words, the promise is said to be implied.

CHAPTER II.

OF CONTRACTS, VOIDABLE CONTRACTS, AND VOID AGREEMENTS.

10. All agreements are contracts if they are made by the free consent of parties competent to contract, for a lawful consideration and with a lawful object, and are not hereby expressly declared to be void.

Nothing herein contained shall affect any law in force in British India, and not hereby expressly repealed, by which any contract is required to be made in writing or in the presence of witnesses, or any law relating to the registration of documents.

11. Every person is competent to contract who is of the age of majority according to the law to which he is subject, and who is of sound mind, and is not disqualified from contracting by any law to which he is subject.

What is a sound mind for the purposes of contracting.

upon his interests.

A person who is usually of unsound mind, but occasionally of sound mind, may make a contract when he is of sound mind.

A person who is usually of sound mind, but occasionally of unsound mind, may not make a contract when he is of unsound mind.

Illustrations.

(a.) A patient in a lunatic asylum, who is at intervals of sound mind, may contract during those intervals.

(b.) A sane man, who is delirious from fever, or who is so drunk that he cannot understand the terms of a contract, or form a rational judgment as to its effect on his interests, cannot contract whilst such delirium or drunkenness lasts.

"Consent" defined.

13. Two or more persons are said to consent when they agree upon the same thing in the same sense.

"Free consent" defined.

14. Consent is said to be free when it is not caused by—

- (1) coercion, as defined in section fifteen, or
- (2) undue influence, as defined in section sixteen, or
- (3) fraud, as defined in section seventeen, or
- (4) misrepresentation, as defined in section eighteen, or
- (5) mistake, subject to the provisions of sections twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two.

Consent is said to be so caused when it would not have been given but for the existence of such coercion, undue influence, fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake.

15. Coercion is the committing, or threatening to commit, any act forbidden by the Indian Penal Code, or the unlawful detaining, or threatening to detain, any property, to the prejudice of any person whatever, with the intention of causing any person to enter into an agreement.

"Coercion" defined.

Explanation.—It is immaterial whether the Indian Penal Code is or is not in force in the place where the coercion is employed.

Illustration.

A, on board an English ship on the high seas, causes B to enter into an agreement by an act amounting to criminal intimidation under the Indian Penal Code;

A afterwards sues B for breach of contract at Calcutta.

A has employed coercion, although his act is not an offence by the law of England, and although section 506 of the Indian Penal Code was not in force at the time when or place where the act was done.

"Undue influence" defined.

16. Undue influence is said to be employed in the following cases :—

(1).—When a person in whom confidence is reposed by another, or who holds a real or apparent authority over that other, makes use of such confidence or authority for the purpose of obtaining an advantage over that other, which, but for such confidence or authority, he could not have obtained :

(2).—When a person whose mind is enfeebled by old age, illness, or mental or bodily distress, is so treated as to make him consent to that, to which, but for such treatment, he would not have consented, although such treatment may not amount to coercion.

17. Fraud means and includes any of the following acts committed by a party to a contract, or with his connivance, or by his agent, with intent to deceive another party thereto or his agent, or to induce him to enter into the contract :—

(1).—The suggestion, as a fact, of that which is not true, by one who does not believe it to be true ;

(2).—The active concealment of a fact by one having knowledge or belief of the fact ;

(3).—A promise made without any intention of performing it ;

(4).—Any other act fitted to deceive ;

(5).—Any such act or omission as the law specially declares to be fraudulent.

Explanation.—Mere silence as to facts, likely to affect the willingness of a person to enter into a contract is not fraud, unless the circumstances of the case are such that, regard being had to them, it is the duty of the person keeping silence to speak, or unless his silence is in itself equivalent to speech.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sells by auction to B a horse which A knows to be unsound. A says nothing to B about the horse's unsoundness. This is not fraud in A.

(b.) B is A's daughter and has just come of age. Here, the relation between the parties would make it A's duty to tell B if the horse is unsound.

(c.) B says to A, "If you do not deny it, I shall assume that the horse is sound;" A says nothing. Here A's silence is equivalent to speech.

(d.) A and B, being traders, enter upon a contract. A has private information of a change in prices which would affect B's willingness to proceed with the contract. A is not bound to inform B.

"Misrepresentation" defined.

18. Misrepresentation means and includes—

(1) the positive assertion, in a manner not warranted by the information of the person making it, of that which is not true, though he believes it to be true ;

(2) any breach of duty which, without an intent to deceive, gains an advantage to the person committing it, or any one claiming under him, by misleading another to his prejudice, or to the prejudice of any one claiming under him ;

(3) causing, however innocently, a party to an agreement, to make a mistake as to the substance of the thing, which is the subject of the agreement.

19. When consent to an agreement is caused by coercion, undue influence, fraud, or misrepresentation, the agreement is a contract voidable at the option of the party whose consent was so caused.

A party to a contract, whose consent was caused by fraud or misrepresentation, may, if he thinks fit, insist that the contract shall be performed and that he shall be put in the position in which he would have been if the representations made had been true.

Exception.—If such consent was caused by misrepresentation or by silence, fraudulent within the meaning of section seventeen, the contract nevertheless, is not voidable, if the party, whose consent was so caused, had the means of discovering the truth with ordinary diligence.

Explanation.—A fraud or misrepresentation which did not cause the consent to a contract of the party, on whom such fraud was practised, or to whom such misrepresentation was made, does not render a contract voidable.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, intending to deceive B, falsely represents that five hundred maunds of indigo are made annually at A's factory, and thereby induces B to buy the factory. The contract is voidable at the option of B.

(b.) A, by a misrepresentation, leads B erroneously to believe that five hundred maunds of indigo are made annually at A's factory. B examines the accounts of the factory, which show that only four hundred maunds of indigo have been made. After this B buys the factory. The contract is not voidable on account of A's misrepresentation.

(c.) A fraudulently informs B that A's estate is free from incumbrance. B thereupon buys the estate. The estate is subject to a mortgage. B may either avoid the contract, or may insist on its being carried out and the mortgage-debt redeemed.

(d.) B, having discovered a vein of ore on the estate of A, adopts means to conceal, and does conceal, the existence of the ore from A. Through A's ignorance B is enabled to buy the estate at an under-value. The contract is voidable at the option of A.

(e.) A is entitled to succeed to an estate at the death of B; B dies; C, having received intelligence of B's death, prevents the intelligence reaching A, and thus induces A to sell him his interest in the estate. The sale is voidable at the option of A.

Agreement void where both parties are under mistake as to matter of fact.

20. Where both the parties to an agreement are under a mistake as to a matter of fact essential to the agreement, the agreement is void.

Explanation.—An erroneous opinion as to the value of the thing which forms the subject-matter of the agreement, is not to be deemed a mistake as to a matter of fact.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees to sell to B a specific cargo of goods supposed to be on its way from England to Bombay. It turns out that, before the day of the bargain, the ship conveying the cargo had been cast away and the goods lost. Neither party was aware of these facts. The agreement is void.

(b.) A agrees to buy from B a certain horse. It turns out that the horse was dead at the time of the bargain, though neither party was aware of the fact. The agreement is void.

(c.) A, being entitled to an estate for the life of B, agrees to sell it to C. B was dead at the time of the agreement, but both parties were ignorant of the fact. The agreement is void.

21. A contract is not voidable because it was caused by a mistake as to any law in force in British India; but a mistake as to a law not in force in British India has the same effect as a mistake of fact.

Illustrations.

A and B make a contract grounded on the erroneous belief that a particular debt is barred by the Indian Law of Limitation: the contract is not voidable.

A and B make a contract grounded on an erroneous belief as to the law regulating bills of exchange in France: the contract is voidable.

Contract not voidable merely because of mistake of one party as to matter of fact.

22. A contract is not voidable merely because it was caused by one of the parties to it being under a mistake as to a matter of fact.

What considerations and objects are lawful and what not.

23. The consideration or object of an agreement is lawful unless—

- it is forbidden by law; or
- is of such a nature that, if permitted, it would defeat the provisions of any law; or
- is fraudulent; or
- involves or implies injury to the person or property of another; or
- the Court regards it as immoral or opposed to public policy.

In each of these cases, the consideration or object of an agreement is said to be unlawful. Every agreement of which the object or consideration is unlawful, is void.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees to sell his house to B for 10,000 rupees. Here, B's promise to pay the sum of 10,000 rupees is the consideration for A's promise to sell the house, and A's promise to sell the house is the consideration for B's promise to pay the 10,000 rupees. These are lawful considerations.

(b.) A promises to pay B 1,000 rupees at the end of six months, if C, who owes that sum to B, fails to pay it. B promises to grant time to C accordingly. Here, the promise of each party is the consideration for the promise of the other party, and they are lawful considerations.

(a.) A promises, for a certain sum paid to him by B, to make good to B the value of his ship if it is wrecked on a certain voyage. Here, A's promise is the consideration for B's payment, and B's payment is the consideration for A's promise, and these are lawful considerations.

(d.) A promises to maintain B's child, and B promises to pay A 1,000 rupees yearly for the purpose. Here, the promise of each party is the consideration for the promise of the other party. They are lawful considerations.

(e.) A, B, and C enter into an agreement for the division among them of gains acquired, or to be acquired, by them by fraud. The agreement is void, as its object is unlawful.

(f.) A promises to obtain for B an employment in the public service, and B promises to pay 1,000 rupees to A. The agreement is void, as the consideration for it is unlawful.

(g.) A, being agent for a landed proprietor, agrees for money without the knowledge of his principal, to obtain for B a lease of land belonging to his principal. The agreement between A and B is void, as it implies a fraud by concealment by A on his principal.

(h.) A promises B to drop a prosecution which he has instituted against B for robbery, and B promises to restore the value of the things taken. The agreement is void, as its object is unlawful.

(i.) A's estate is sold for arrears of revenue under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature, by which the defaulter is prohibited from purchasing the estate. B, upon an understanding with A, becomes the purchaser, and agrees to convey the estate to A upon receiving from him the price which B has paid. The agreement is void, as it renders the transaction in effect a purchase by the defaulter and would so defeat the object of the law.

(j.) A, who is B's moohitear, promises to exercise his influence, as such, with B in favor of C, and C promises to pay 1,000 rupees to A. The agreement is void, because it is immoral.

(k.) A agrees to let her daughter to hire to B for concubinage. The agreement is void, because it is immoral, though the letting may not be punishable under the Indian Penal Code.

VOID AGREEMENTS.

Agreements void of considerations and objects unlawful in part.

24. If any part of a single consideration for one or more objects, or any one or any part of any one of several considerations for a single object, is unlawful, the agreement is void.

Illustration.

A promises to superintend, on behalf of B, a legal manufacture of indigo and an illegal traffic in other articles. B promises to pay to A a salary of 10,000 rupees a year. The agreement is void, the object of A's promise, and the consideration for B's promise, being in part unlawful.

Agreement without consideration void—

25. An agreement made without consideration is void unless

(1) it is expressed in writing and registered under the law for the time being in force for the registration of assurances and is made on account of natural love and affection between parties standing in a near relation to each other; or unless

or is a promise to compensate for something done.

(2) it is a promise to compensate wholly or in part a person who has already voluntarily done something for the promisor or something which the promisor was legally compellable to do; or unless

(3) it is a promise, made in writing and signed by the person to be charged therewith, or by his agent generally or specially authorized in that behalf, to pay wholly or in part a debt of which the creditor might have enforced payment but for the law for the limitation of suits.

In any of these cases, such an agreement is a contract.

Explanation 1.—Nothing in this section shall affect the validity, as between the donor and donee, of any gift actually made.

Explanation 2.—An agreement to which the consent of the promisor is freely given is not void merely because the consideration is inadequate; but the inadequacy of the consideration may be taken into account by the Court in determining the question whether the consent of the promisor was freely given.

Illustrations

(a.) A promises for no consideration to give to B Rs. 1,000. This is a void agreement.

(b.) A, for natural love and affection, promises to give his son, B, Rs. 1,000; A puts his promise to B into writing and registers it. This is a contract.

(c.) A finds B's purse and gives it to him. B promises to give A Rs. 50. This is a contract.

(d.) A supports B's infant son. B promises to pay A's expenses in so doing. This is a contract.

(e.) A owes B Rs. 1,000, but the debt is barred by the Limitation Act. A signs a written promise to pay B Rs. 500 on account of the debt. This is a contract.

(f.) A agrees to sell a horse worth Rs. 1,000 for Rs. 10. A's consent to the agreement was freely given. The agreement is a contract notwithstanding the inadequacy of the consideration.

(g.) A agrees to sell a horse worth Rs. 1,000 for Rs. 10. A denies that his consent to the agreement was freely given. The inadequacy of the consideration is a fact which the Court should take into account in considering whether or not A's consent was freely given.

Agreement in restraint of marriage void.

26. Every agreement in restraint of the marriage of any person, other than a minor, is void.

Agreement in restraint of trade void.

27. Every agreement by which any one is restrained from exercising a lawful profession, trade, or business of any kind, is to that extent void.

Exception 1.—One who sells the good-will of a business may agree with the buyer to refrain from carrying on a similar business, within specified local limits, so long as the buyer, or any person deriving title to the good-will from him, carries on a like business therein, provided that such limits appear to the Court reasonable, regard being had to the nature of the business.

Saving of agreement not to carry on business of which good-will is sold;

of agreement between partners prior to dissolution;

Partners may, upon or in anticipation of a dissolution of the partnership, agree that some or all of them will not carry on a business, similar to that of the partnership, within such local limits as are referred to in the last preceding exception.

or during continuance of partnership.

Exception 3.—Partners may agree that some one or all of them will not carry on any business other than that of the partnership, during the continuance of the partnership.

Agreements in restraint of legal proceedings void.

28. Every agreement, by which any party thereto is restricted absolutely from enforcing his rights under or in respect of any contract, by the usual legal proceedings in the ordinary tribunals, or which limits the time within which he may thus enforce his rights, is void to that extent.

Saving of contract to refer to arbitration dispute that may arise.

Exception 1.—This section shall not render illegal a contract, by which two or more persons agree that any dispute, which may arise between them in respect of any subject or class of subjects, shall be referred to arbitration, and that only the amount awarded in such arbitration shall be recoverable in respect of the dispute so referred.

When such a contract has been made, a suit may be brought for its specific performance; and if a suit, other than for such specific performance, or for the recovery of the amount so awarded, is brought by one party to such contract against any other such party, in respect of any subject which they have so agreed to refer, the existence of such contract shall be a bar to the suit.

Exception 2.—Nor shall this section render illegal any contract in writing, by which two or more persons agree to refer to arbitration any question between them which has already arisen, or affect any provision of any law in force for the time being as to references to arbitration.

Agreements void for uncertainty.

29. Agreements, the meaning of which is not certain, or capable of being made certain, are void.

Illustrations

(a.) A agrees to sell to B 'a hundred tons of oil.' There is nothing whatever to show what kind of oil was intended. The agreement is void for uncertainty.

(b.) A agrees to sell to B one hundred tons of oil of a specified description known as an article of commerce. There is no uncertainty here to make the agreement void.

(c.) A, who is a dealer in cocoanut-oil only, agrees to sell to B 'one hundred tons of oil.' The nature of A's trade affords an indication of the meaning of the words, and A has entered into a contract for the sale of one hundred tons of cocoanut-oil.

(d.) A agrees to sell to B 'all the grain in my granary at Rāmāgar.' There is no uncertainty here to make the agreement void.

(e.) A agrees to sell to B 'one thousand maunds of rice at a price to be fixed by C.' As the price is capable of being made certain, there is no uncertainty here to make the agreement void.

(f.) A agrees to sell to B 'my white horse for rupees five hundred or rupees one thousand.' There is nothing to show which of the two prices was to be given. The agreement is void.

30. Agreements by way of wager are void, and no suit shall be brought for recovering anything alleged to be won on any wager or entrusted to any person to abide the result of any game or other uncertain event on which any wager is made.

This section shall not be deemed to render unlawful a subscription or contribution, or agreement to subscribe or contribute, made or entered into for or toward any plate, prize, or sum of money, of the value or amount of five hundred rupees or upwards, to be awarded to the winner or winners of any horse-race.

Exception in favor of certain prizes for horse-racing.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to legalize any transaction connected with horse-racing, to which the provisions of section 294A of the Indian Penal Code apply.

Section 294A of the Indian Penal Code not to be affected.

CHAPTER III.

OF CONTINGENT CONTRACTS.

"Contingent contract" defined.

31. A contingent contract is a contract to do or not to do something, if some event, collateral to such contract, does or does not happen.

Illustration.

A contracts to pay B Rs. 10,000 if B's house is burnt. This is a contingent contract.

Enforcement of contracts contingent on an event happening.

32. Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything if an uncertain future event happens, cannot be enforced by law unless and until that event has happened.

If the event becomes impossible, such contracts become void.

Illustrations.

(a.) A makes a contract with B to buy B's horse if A survives C. This contract cannot be enforced by law unless and until C dies in A's lifetime.

(b.) A makes a contract with B to sell a horse to B at a specified price, if C, to whom the horse has been offered, refuses to buy him. The contract cannot be enforced by law unless and until C refuses to buy the horse.

(c.) A contracts to pay B a sum of money when B marries C. C dies without being married to B. The contract becomes void.

Enforcement of contracts contingent on an event not happening.

33. Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything if an uncertain future event does not happen, can be enforced when the happening of that event becomes impossible, and not before.

Illustration.

A agrees to pay B a sum of money if a certain ship does not return. The ship is sunk. The contract can be enforced when the ship sinks.

When event on which contract is contingent to be deemed impossible it is the future conduct of a living person.

34. If the future event on which a contract is contingent is the way in which a person will act at an unspecified time, the event shall be considered to become impossible when such person does anything which renders it impossible that he should so act within any definite time, or otherwise than under farther contingencies.

Illustration.

A agrees to pay B a sum of money if B marries C.

C marries D. The marriage of B to C must now be considered impossible, though it is possible that D may die, and that C may afterwards marry B.

When contracts become void which are contingent on happening of specified event within fixed time.

35. Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything if a specified uncertain event happens within a fixed time, become void if, at the expiration of the time fixed, such event has not happened, or if, before the time fixed, such event becomes impossible.

When contracts may be enforced which are contingent on specified event not happening within fixed time.

Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything, if a specified uncertain event does not happen within a fixed time, may be enforced by law when the time fixed has expired and such event has not happened, or, before the time fixed has expired, if it becomes certain that such event will not happen.

Illustrations.

(a.) A promises to pay B a sum of money if a certain ship returns within a year. The contract may be enforced if the ship returns within the year; and becomes void if the ship is burnt within the year.

(b.) A promises to pay B a sum of money if a certain ship does not return within a year. The contract may be enforced if the ship does not return within the year, or is burnt within the year.

36. Contingent agreements to do or not to do anything, if an impossible event happens, are void, whether the impossibility of the event is known or not to the parties to the agreement at the time when it is made.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees to pay B 1,000 rupees if two straight lines should enclose a space. The agreement is void.

(b.) A agrees to pay B 1,000 rupees if B will marry A's daughter C. C was dead at the time of the agreement. The agreement is void.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTS.

CONTRACTS WHICH MUST BE PERFORMED.

37. The parties to a contract must either perform, or offer to perform, their respective promises, unless such performance is dispensed with or excused under the provisions of this Act, or of any other law.

Promises bind the representatives of the promisors in case of the death of such promisors before performance, unless a contrary intention appears from the contract.

Illustrations.

(a.) A promises to deliver goods to B on a certain day on payment of Rs. 1,000. A dies before that day. A's representatives are bound to deliver the goods to B, and B is bound to pay the Rs. 1,000 to A's representatives.

(b.) A promises to paint a picture for B by a certain day at a certain price. A dies before the day. The contract cannot be enforced either by A's representatives or by B.

38. Where a promisor has made an offer of performance to the promisee and the offer has not been accepted, the promisor is not responsible for non-performance, nor does he thereby lose his rights under the contract.

Every such offer must fulfil the following conditions :—

1. It must be unconditional :
2. It must be made at a proper time and place and under such circumstances that the person, to whom it is made, may have a reasonable opportunity of ascertaining that the person, by whom it is made, is able and willing there and then to do the whole of what he is bound by his promise to do :
3. If the offer is an offer to deliver anything to the promisee, the promisee must have a reasonable opportunity of seeing that the thing offered is the thing which the promisor is bound by his promise to deliver.

An offer to one of several joint promisees has the same legal consequences as an offer to all of them.

Illustration.

A contracts to deliver to B at his warehouse, on the 1st March 1873, 100 bales of cotton of a particular quality. In order to make an offer of performance with the effect stated in this section, A must bring the cotton to B's warehouse, on the appointed day, under such circumstances that B may have a reasonable opportunity of satisfying himself that the thing offered is cotton of the quality contracted for, and that there are 100 bales.

39. When a party to a contract has refused to perform, or disabled himself from performing, his promise in its entirety, the promisee may put an end to the contract, unless he has signified, by words or conduct, his acquiescence in its continuance.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, a singer, enters into a contract with B, the manager of a theatre, to sing at his theatre two nights in every week during the next two months, and B engages to pay her 100 rupees for each night's performance. On the sixth night A wilfully absents herself from the theatre. B is at liberty to put an end to the contract.

(b.) A, a singer, enters into a contract with B, the manager of a theatre, to sing at his theatre two nights in every week during the next two months, and B engages to pay her at the rate of 100 rupees for each night. On the sixth night, A wilfully absents herself. With the assent of B, A sings on the seventh night. B has signified his acquiescence in the continuance of the contract, and cannot now put an end to it, but is entitled to compensation for the damage sustained by him through A's failure to sing on the sixth night.

BY WHOM CONTRACTS MUST BE PERFORMED.

40. If it appears from the nature of the case that it was the intention of the parties to any contract that any promise contained in it should be performed by the promisor himself, such promise must be performed by the promisor. In other cases, the promisor or his representatives may employ a competent person to perform it.

Illustrations.

(a.) A promises to pay B a sum of money. A may perform this promise, either by personally paying the money to B, or by causing it to be paid to B by another; and, if A dies before the time appointed for payment, his representatives must perform the promise, or employ some proper person to do so.

(b.) A promises to paint a picture for B. A must perform this promise personally.

41. When a promisee accepts performance of the promise from a third person, he cannot afterwards enforce it against the promisor.

42. When two or more persons have made a joint promise, then, unless a contrary intention appears by the contract, all such persons, during their joint lives, and, after the death of any of them, his representative jointly with the survivor or survivors, and, after the death of the last survivor, the representatives of all jointly, must fulfil the promise.

43. When two or more persons make a joint promise, the promisee may, in the absence of express agreement to the contrary, compel any one of such joint promisors to perform the whole of the promise.

Each of two or more joint promisors may compel every other joint promisor to contribute equally with himself to the performance of the promise, unless a contrary intention appears from the contract.

Sharing of loss by default in contribution. If any one of two or more joint promisors makes default in such contribution, the remaining joint promisors must bear the loss arising from such default in equal shares.

Explanation.—Nothing in this section shall prevent a surety from recovering from his principal payments made by the surety on behalf of the principal, or entitle the principal to recover anything from the surety on account of payments made by the principal.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, B, and C jointly promise to pay D 3,000 rupees. D may compel either A or B or C to pay him 3,000 rupees.

(b.) A, B, and C jointly promise to pay D the sum of 3,000 rupees. C is compelled to pay the whole. A is insolvent, but his assets are sufficient to pay one-half of his debts. C is entitled to receive 500 rupees from A's estate, and 1,250 rupees from B.

(c.) A, B, and C under a joint promise to pay D 3,000 rupees. C is unable to pay anything, and A is compelled to pay the whole. A is entitled to receive 1,500 rupees from B.

(d.) A, B, and C are under a joint promise to pay D 3,000 rupees. A and B being only sureties for C. C fails to pay. A and B are compelled to pay the whole sum. They are entitled to recover it from C.

44. Where two or more persons have made a joint promise a release of one of such joint promisors by the promisee does not discharge the other joint promisor or joint promisors; neither does it free the joint promisor so released from responsibility to the other joint promisor or joint promisors.

45. When a person has made a promise to two or more persons jointly, then, unless a contrary intention appears from the contract, the right to claim performance rests, as between him and them, with them during their joint lives, and, after the death of any of them, with the representatives of such deceased person jointly with the survivor or survivors, and, after the death of the last survivor, with the representatives of all jointly.

Illustration.

A, in consideration of 5,000 rupees lent to him by B and C, promises B and C jointly to repay them that sum with interest on a day specified. B dies. The right to claim performance rests with B's representative jointly with C during C's life, and, after the death of C, with the representatives of B and C jointly.

TIME AND PLACE FOR PERFORMANCE.

46. Where, by the contract, a promisor is to perform his promise without application by the promisee, and no time for performance is specified, the engagement must be performed within a reasonable time.

Explanation.—The question, 'What is a reasonable time' is, in each particular case, a question of fact.

47. When a promise is to be performed on a certain day, and the promisor has undertaken to perform it without application by the promisee, the promisor may perform it at any time during the usual hours of business on such day and at the place at which the promise ought to be performed.

Illustration.

A promises to deliver goods at B's warehouse on the first January. On that day A brings the goods to B's warehouse, but after the usual hour for closing it; and they are not received. A has not performed his promise.

48. When a promise is to be performed on a certain day, and the promisor has not undertaken to perform it without application by the promisee, it is the duty of the promisee to apply for performance at a proper place and within the usual hours of business.

Explanation.—The question 'What is a proper time and place' is, in each particular case, a question of fact.

Place for performance of engagement where no application to be made and no place fixed.

form it at such place.

49. When a promise is to be performed without application by the promisee, and no place is fixed for the performance of it, it is the duty of the promisor to apply to the promisee to appoint a reasonable place for the performance of the promise, and to perform it at such place.

Illustration.

A undertakes to deliver a thousand maunds of jute to B on a fixed day. A must apply to B to appoint a reasonable place for the purpose of receiving it, and must deliver it to him at such place.

Performance in manner or at time prescribed or sanctioned by promisee.

50. The performance of any promise may be made in any manner or at any time which the promisee prescribes or sanctions.

Illustrations.

(a.) B owes A 2,000 rupees. A desires B to pay the amount to A's account with C, a banker. B, who also banks with C, orders the amount to be transferred from his account to A's credit, and

this is done by C. Afterwards, and before A knows of the transfer, C fails. There has been a good payment by B.

(b.) A and B are mutually indebted. A and B settle an account by setting off one item against another, and B pays A the balance found to be due from him upon such settlement. This amounts to a payment by A and B, respectively, of the sums which they owed to each other.

(c.) A owes B 2,000 rupees. B accepts some of A's goods in reduction of the debt. The delivery of the goods operates as a part payment.

(d.) A desires B, who owes him Rs. 100, to send him a note for Rs. 100 by post. The debt is discharged as soon as B puts into the post a letter containing the note duly addressed to A.

PERFORMANCE OF RECIPROCAL PROMISES.

Promisor not bound to perform unless reciprocal promisee ready and willing to perform.

51. When a contract consists of reciprocal promises to be simultaneously performed, no promisor need perform his promise unless the promisee is ready and willing to perform his reciprocal promise.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B contract that A shall deliver goods to B to be paid for by B on delivery.

A need not deliver the goods, unless B is ready and willing to pay for the goods on delivery.

B need not pay for the goods, unless A is ready and willing to deliver them on payment.

(b.) A and B contract that A shall deliver goods to B at a price to be paid by instalments, the first instalment to be paid on delivery.

A need not deliver, unless B is ready and willing to pay the first instalment on delivery.

B need not pay the first instalment, unless A is ready and willing to deliver the goods on payment of the first instalment.

52. Where the order, in which reciprocal promises are to be performed, is expressly fixed by the contract, they shall be performed in that order; and where the order is not expressly fixed by the contract, they shall be performed in that order which the nature of the transaction requires.

Order of performance of reciprocal promises.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B contract that A shall build a house for B at a fixed price. A's promise to build the house must be performed before B's promise to pay for it.

(b.) A and B contract that A shall make over his stock-in-trade to B at a fixed price, and B promises to give security for the payment of the money. A's promise need not be performed until the security is given, for the nature of the transaction required that A should have security before he delivers up his stock.

53. When a contract contains reciprocal promises, and one party to the contract prevents the other from performing his promise, the contract becomes voidable at the option of the party so prevented; and he is entitled to compensation from the other party for any loss which he may sustain in consequence of the non-performance of the contract.

Liability of party preventing event on which contract is to take effect.

Illustration.

A and B contract that B shall execute certain work for A for a thousand rupees. B is ready and willing to execute the work accordingly, but A prevents him from doing so. The contract is voidable at the option of B; and if he elects to rescind it, he is entitled to recover from A compensation for any loss which he has incurred by its non-performance.

54. When a contract consists of reciprocal promises, such that one of them cannot be performed, or that its performance cannot be claimed, till the other has been performed, and the promisor of the promise last mentioned fails to perform it, such promisor cannot claim the performance of the reciprocal promise, and must make compensation to the other party to the contract for any loss which such other party may sustain by the non-performance of the contract.

Effect of default as to that promise which should be first performed in contract consisting of reciprocal promises.

Illustrations.

(a.) A hires B's ship to take in and convey from Calcutta to the Mauritius a cargo to be provided by A, Breveeving a certain freight for its conveyance. A does not provide any cargo for the ship. A cannot claim the performance of B's promise, and must make compensation to B for the loss which B sustains by the non-performance of the contract.

The first set of reciprocal promises, namely, to sell the house and to pay 10,000 rupees for it, is contract.

The second set is for an unlawful object, namely, that B may use the house as a gambling house, and is a void agreement.

In alternative promise, one branch being illegal, legal branch alone enforceable.

58. In the case of an alternative promise, one branch of which is legal and the other illegal, the legal branch alone can be enforced.

Illustration.

A and B agree that A shall pay B 1,000 rupees, for which B shall afterwards deliver to A either rice or smuggled opium.

This is a valid contract to deliver rice, and a void agreement as to the opium.

APPROPRIATION OF PAYMENTS.

59. Where a debtor, owing several distinct debts to one person, makes a payment to him, either with express intimation, or under circumstances implying, that the payment is to be applied to the discharge of some particular debt, the payment, if accepted, must be applied accordingly.

Illustrations.

(a.) A owes B, among other debts, 1,000 rupees upon a promissory note, which falls due on the first June. He owes B no other debt of that amount. On the first June A pays to B 1,000 rupees. The payment is to be applied to the discharge of the promissory note.

(b.) A owes to B, among other debts, the sum of 567 rupees. B writes to A and demands payment of this sum. A sends to B 567 rupees. This payment is to be applied to the discharge of the debt of which B had demanded payment.

60. Where the debtor has omitted to intimate, and there are no other circumstances indicating to which debt the payment is to be applied, the creditor may apply it at his discretion to any lawful debt actually due and payable to him from the debtor, whether its recovery is or is not barred by the law in force for the time being as to the limitation of suits.

61. Where neither party makes any appropriation, the payment shall be applied in discharge of the debts in order of time, whether they are or are not barred by the law in force for the time being as to the limitation of suits. If the debts are of equal standing, the payment shall be applied in discharge of each proportionably.

CONTRACTS WHICH NEED NOT BE PERFORMED.

Contracts changed, rescinded, or altered need not be performed.

62. If the parties to a contract agree to substitute a new contract for it, or to rescind or alter it, the original contract need not be performed.

Illustrations.

(a.) A owes money to B under a contract. It is agreed between A, B, and C that B, shall thenceforth accept C as his debtor instead of A. The old debt of A to B is at an end, and a new debt from C to B has been contracted.

(b.) A owes B 10,000 rupees. A enters into an arrangement with B, and gives B a mortgage of his (A's) estate for 5,000 rupees in place of the debt of 10,000 rupees. This is a new contract and extinguishes the old.

(c.) A owes B 1,000 rupees under a contract. B owes C 1,000 rupees. B orders A to credit C with 1,000 rupees in his books, but C does not assent to the arrangement. B still owes C 1,000 rupees, and no new contract has been entered into.

63. Every promisee may dispense with, or remit wholly or in part, the performance of the promise made to him, or may extend the time for such performance, or may accept instead of it any satisfaction which he thinks fit.

Illustrations.

(a.) A promises to paint a picture for B. B afterwards forbids him to do so. A is no longer bound to perform the promise.

(b.) A owes B 5,000 rupees. A pays to B, and B accepts, in satisfaction of the whole debt, 2,000 rupees paid at the time and place at which the 5,000 rupees were payable. The whole debt is discharged.

(c.) A owes B 5,000 rupees. C pays to B 1,000 rupees, and B accepts them, in satisfaction of his claim on A. This payment is a discharge of the whole claim.

(d.) A owes B, under a contract, a sum of money, the amount of which has not been ascertained. A, without ascertaining the amount, gives to B, and B, in satisfaction thereof, accepts, the sum of 2,000 rupees. This is a discharge of the whole debt, whatever may be its amount.

(e.) A owes B 2,000 rupees, and is also indebted to other creditors. A makes an arrangement with his creditors, including B, to pay them a compensation of eight annas in the rupee upon their respective demands. Payment to B of 1,000 rupees is a discharge of B's demand.

64. When a person, at whose option a contract is voidable, rescinds it, the other

Consequences of rescission of voidable contract.

party thereto need not perform any promise therein contained in which he is promisor. The party rescinding a voidable contract shall, if he have received any benefit thereunder from another party to such contract, restore such benefit, so far as may be, to the person from whom it was received.

Obligation of person who has received advantage under void agreement, or contract that becomes void.

65. When an agreement is discovered to be void, or when a contract becomes void, any person who has received any advantage under such agreement or contract is bound to restore it or to make compensation for it to the person from whom he received it.

Illustrations.

(a.) A pays B 1,000 rupees in consideration of B's promising to marry C, A's daughter. C is dead at the time of the promise. The agreement is void, but B must repay A the 1,000 rupees.

(b.) A contracts with B to deliver to him 250 maunds of rice before the first of May. A delivers 130 maunds only before that day, and none after. B retains the 130 maunds after the first of May. He is bound to pay A for them.

(c.) A, a singer, contracts with B the manager of a theatre, to sing at his theatre for two nights in every week during the next two months, and B engages to pay her a hundred rupees for each night's performance. On the sixth night, A wilfully absents herself from the theatre, and B, in consequence, rescinds the contract. B must pay A for the five nights on which she had sung.

(d.) A contracts to sing for B at a concert for 1,000 rupees, which are paid in advance. A is too ill to sing. A is not bound to make compensation to B for the loss of the profits which B would have made if A had been able to sing, but must refund to B the 1,000 rupees paid in advance.

Mode of communicating or revoking rescission of voidable contract.

66. The rescission of a voidable contract may be communicated or revoked in the same manner, and subject to the same rules, as apply to the communication or revocation of a proposal.

Effect of neglect of promisee to afford promisor reasonable facilities for performance.

67. If any promisee neglects or refuses to afford the promisor reasonable facilities for the performance of his promise, the promisor is excused by such neglect or refusal as to any non-performance caused thereby.

Illustration.

A contracts with B to repair B's house.

B neglects or refuses to point out to A the places in which his house requires repair.

A is excused for the non-performance of the contract, if it is caused by such neglect or refusal.

CHAPTER V.

OF CERTAIN RELATIONS RESEMBLING THOSE CREATED BY CONTRACT.

68. If a person, incapable of entering into a contract, or any one whom he is legally

Claim for necessities supplied to person incapable of contracting, or on his account.

bound to support, is supplied by another person with necessities suited to his condition in life, the person who has furnished such supplies is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of such incapable person.

Illustrations.

(a.) A supplies B, a lunatic, with necessities suitable to his condition in life. A is entitled to be reimbursed from B's property.

(b.) A supplies the wife and children of B, a lunatic, with necessities suitable to their condition in life. A is entitled to be reimbursed from B's property.

Reimbursement of person paying money due by another in payment of which he is interested.

69. A person, who is interested in the payment of money which another is bound by law to pay, and who therefore pays it, is entitled to be reimbursed by the other.

Illustration.

B holds land in Bengal on a lease granted by A, the zemindar. The revenue payable by A to the Government being in arrear, his land is advertised for sale by the Government. Under the revenue law, the consequence of such sale will be the annulment of B's lease. B, to prevent the sale and the consequent annulment of his own lease, pays to the Government the sum due from A. A is bound to make good to B the amount so paid.

70. Where a person lawfully does anything for another person, or delivers anything to him, not intending to do so gratuitously, and such other person enjoys the benefit thereof, the latter is bound to make compensation to the former in respect of, or to restore, the thing so done or delivered.

Obligation of person enjoying benefit of non-gratuitous act.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, a tradesman, leaves goods at B's house by mistake. B treats the goods as his own. He is bound to pay A for them.

(b.) A saves B's property from fire. A is not entitled to compensation from B, if the circumstances show that he intended to act gratuitously.

Responsibility of finder of goods.

71. A person who finds goods belonging to another, and takes them into his custody, is subject to the same responsibility as a bailee.

Liability of person to whom money is paid of thing delivered by mistake or under coercion.

72. A person to whom money has been paid or anything delivered by mistake or under coercion, must repay or return it.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B jointly owe 100 rupees to C. A alone pays the amount to C, and B, not knowing this fact, pays 100 rupees over again to C. C is bound to repay the amount to B.

(b.) A railway company refuses to deliver up certain goods to the consignee, except upon the payment of an illegal charge for carriage. The consignee pays the sum charged in order to obtain the goods. He is entitled to recover so much of the charge as was illegally excessive.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF BREACH OF CONTRACT.

73. When a contract has been broken, the party, who suffers by such breach, is entitled to receive from the party, who has broken the contract, compensation for any loss or damage, caused to him thereby, which naturally arose in the usual course of things from such breach, or which the parties knew, when they made the contract, to be likely to result from the breach of it.

Such compensation is not to be given for any remote and indirect loss or damage sustained by reason of the breach.

When an obligation resembling those created by contract has been incurred and has not been discharged, any person, injured by the failure to discharge it, is entitled to receive the same compensation from the party in default as if such person had contracted to discharge it and had broken his contract.

Compensation for failure to discharge obligation resembling those created by contract.

Explanation.—In estimating the loss or damage arising from a breach of contract, the means which existed of remedying the inconvenience caused by the non-performance of the contract, must be taken into account.

Illustrations.

(a.) A contracts to sell and deliver 50 maunds of saltpetre to B, at a certain price to be paid on delivery. A breaks his promise. B is entitled to receive from A, by way of compensation, the sum, if any, by which the contract price falls short of the price for which B might have obtained 50 maunds of saltpetre of like quality at the time when the saltpetre ought to have been delivered.

(b.) A hires B's ship to go to Bombay and there take on board, on the first of January, a cargo, which A is to provide, and to bring it to Calcutta, the freight to be paid when earned. B's

ship does not go to Bombay, but A has opportunities of procuring suitable conveyance for the cargo upon terms as advantageous as those on which he had chartered the ship. A avails himself of those opportunities, but is put to trouble and expense in doing so. A is entitled to receive compensation from B in respect of such trouble and expense.

(c.) A contracts to buy of B, at a stated price, 50 maunds of rice, no time being fixed for delivery. A afterwards informs B that he will not accept the rice if tendered to him. B is entitled to receive from A, by way of compensation, the amount, if any, by which the contract price exceeds that which B can obtain for the rice at the time when A informs B that he will not accept it.

(d.) A contracts to buy B's ship for 60,000 rupees, but breaks his promise. A must pay to B, by way of compensation, the excess, if any, of the contract price over the price which B can obtain for the ship at the time of the breach of promise.

(e.) A, the owner of a boat, contracts with B to take a cargo of jute to Mirzapore, for sale at that place starting on a specified day. The boat, owing to some avoidable cause, does not start at the time appointed, whereby the arrival of the cargo at Mirzapore is delayed beyond the time when it would have arrived if the boat had sailed according to the contract. After that date, and before the arrival of the cargo, the price of jute falls. The measure of the compensation payable to B by A is the difference between the price which B could have obtained for the cargo at Mirzapore at the time when it would have arrived if forwarded in due course, and its market price at the time when it actually arrived.

(f.) A contracts to repair B's house in a certain manner, and receives payment in advance. A repairs the house, but not according to contract. B is entitled to recover from A the cost of making the repairs conform to the contract.

(g.) A contracts to let his ship to B for a year, from the first of January, for a certain price. Freight rises, and, on the first of January, the hire obtainable for the ship is higher than the contract price. A breaks his promise. He must pay to B, by way of compensation, a sum equal to the difference between the contract price and the price for which B could hire a similar ship for a year on and from the first of January.

(h.) A contracts to supply B with a certain quantity of iron at a fixed price, being a higher price than that for which A could procure and deliver the iron. B wrongfully refuses to receive the iron. B must pay to A, by way of compensation, the difference between the contract price of the iron and the sum for which A could have obtained and delivered it.

(i.) A delivers to B, a common carrier, a machine, to be conveyed, without delay, to A's mill, informing B that his mill is stopped for want of the machine. B unreasonably delays the delivery of the machine, and A, in consequence, loses a profitable contract with the Government. A is entitled to receive from B, by way of compensation, the average amount of profit which would have been made by the working of the mill during the time that delivery of it was delayed, but not the loss sustained through the loss of the Government contract.

(j.) A, having contracted with B to supply B with 1,000 tons of iron at 100 rupees a ton, to be delivered at a stated time, contracts with C for the purchase of 1,000 tons of iron at 80 rupees a ton, telling C that he does so for the purpose of performing his contract with B. C fails to perform his contract with A, who cannot procure other iron, and, B in consequence, rescinds the contract. C must pay to A 20,000 rupees, being the profit which A would have made by the performance of his contract with B.

(k.) A contracts with B to make and deliver to B, by a fixed day, for a specified price, a certain piece of machinery. A does not deliver the piece of machinery at the time specified, and, in consequence of this, B is obliged to procure another at a higher price than that which he was to have paid to A, and is prevented from performing a contract, which B had made with a third person at the time of his contract with A (but which had not been then communicated to A), and is compelled to make compensation for breach of that contract. A must pay to B, by way of compensation, the difference between the contract price of the piece of machinery and the sum paid by B for another, but not the sum paid by B to the third person by way of compensation.

(l.) A, a builder, contracts to erect and finish a house by the first of January, in order that B may give possession of it at that time to C, to whom B has contracted to let it. A is informed of the contract between B and C. A builds the house so badly that, before the first of January, it falls down and has to be re-built by B, who, in consequence, loses the rent which he was to have received from C, and is obliged to make compensation to C for the breach of his contract. A must make compensation to B for the cost of re-building the house, for the rent lost, and for the compensation made to C.

(m.) A sells certain merchandise to B warranting it to be of a particular quality, and B, in reliance upon this warranty, sells it to C with a similar warranty. The goods prove to be not according to the warranty, and B becomes liable to pay C a sum of money by way of compensation. B is entitled to be reimbursed this sum by A.

(n.) A contracts to pay a sum of money to B on a day specified. A does not pay the money on that day. B, in consequence of not receiving the money on that day, is unable to pay his debts, and is totally ruined. A is not liable to make good to B anything except the principal sum he contracted to pay, together with interest up to the day of payment.

(o.) A contracts to deliver 50 maunds of saltpetre to B on the first of January, at a certain price. B afterwards, before the first of January, contracts to sell the saltpetre to C at a price

higher than the market price of the first of January. A breaks his promise. In estimating the compensation payable by A to B, the market price of the first of January, and not the profit which would have arisen to B from the sale to C, is to be taken into account.

(p.) A contracts to sell and deliver 500 bales of cotton to B on a fixed day. A knows nothing of B's mode of conducting his business. A breaks his promise, and B, having no cotton, is obliged to close his mill. A is not responsible to B for the loss caused to B by the closing of the mill.

(q.) A contracts to sell and deliver to B, on the first of January, certain cloth which B intends to manufacture into caps of a particular kind, for which there is no demand, except at that season. The cloth is not delivered till after the appointed time, and too late to be used that year in making caps. B is entitled to receive from A, by way of compensation, the difference between the contract price of the cloth and its market price at the time of delivery, but not the profits which he expected to obtain by making caps, nor the expenses which he has been put to in making preparation for the manufacture.

(r.) A, a ship-owner, contracts with B to convey him from Calcutta to Sydney in A's ship, sailing on the first of January, and B pays to A, by way of deposit, one-half of his passage-money. The ship does not sail on the first of January, and B, after being, in consequence, detained in Calcutta for some time, and thereby put to some expense, proceeds to Sydney in another vessel, and in consequence, arriving too late in Sydney, loses a sum of money. A is liable to repay to B his deposit, with interest, and the expense to which he is put by his detention in Calcutta, and the excess, if any, of the passage-money paid for the second ship over that agreed upon for the first, but not the sum of money which B lost by arriving in Sydney too late.

74. When a contract has been broken, if a sum is named in the contract as the

Title to compensation for breach of contract in which a sum is named as payable in case of breach.

amount to be paid in case of such breach, the party complaining of the breach is entitled, whether or not actual damage or loss is proved to have been caused thereby, to receive from the party who has broken the contract reasonable compensation not exceeding the amount so named.

EXCEPTION.—When any person enters into any bail-bond, recognizance, or other instrument of the same nature, or, under the provisions of any law or under the orders of the Government of India or of any Local Government, gives any bond for the performance of any public duty or act, in which the public are interested, he shall be liable, upon breach of the condition of any such instrument, to pay the whole sum mentioned therein.

Explanation.—A person who enters into a contract with Government does not necessarily thereby undertake any public duty or promise to do an act in which the public are interested.

Illustrations.

(a.) A contracts with B to pay B Rs. 1,000 if he fails to pay B Rs. 500 on a given day. A fails to pay B Rs. 500 on that day. B is entitled to recover from A such compensation, not exceeding Rs. 1,000, as the Court considers reasonable.

(b.) A contracts with B that if A practises as a surgeon within Calcutta he will pay B Rs. 5,000. A practises as a surgeon in Calcutta. B is entitled to such compensation, not exceeding Rs. 5,000, as the Court considers reasonable.

(c.) A gives a recognizance binding him in a penalty of Rs. 500 to appear in Court on a certain day. He forfeits his recognizance. He is liable to pay the whole penalty.

Party rightfully rescinding contract entitled to compensation.

75. A person, who rightfully rescinds a contract, is entitled to compensation for any damage which he has sustained through the non-fulfilment of the contract.

Illustration.

A, a singer, contracts with B, the manager of a theatre, to sing at his theatre for two nights in every week during the next two months, and B engages to pay her 100 rupees for each night's performance. On the sixth night, A wilfully absents herself from the theatre, and B, in consequence, rescinds the contract. B is entitled to claim compensation for the damage which he has sustained through the non-fulfilment of the contract.

CHAPTER VII.

SALE OF GOODS.

WHEN PROPERTY IN GOODS SOLD PASSES.

'Goods' defined.

76. In this chapter, the word 'goods' means and includes every kind of movable property.

'Sale' defined.

77. Sale is the exchange of property for a price. It involves the transfer of the ownership of the thing sold from the seller to the buyer.

Sale how effected.

78. Sale is effected by offer and acceptance of ascertained goods for a price, or of a price for ascertained goods,

together with payment of the price or delivery of the goods or with tender, part payment, earnest, or part delivery, or with an agreement, express or implied, that the payment or delivery, or both, shall be postponed.

Where there is a contract for the sale of ascertained goods, the property in the goods sold passes to the buyer when the whole or part of the price, or when the earnest, is paid, or when the whole or part of the goods is delivered.

If the parties agree expressly, or by implication, that the payment or delivery, or both, shall be postponed, the property passes as soon as the proposal for sale is accepted.

Illustrations.

(a.) B offers to buy A's horse for 500 rupees. A accepts B's offer, and delivers the horse to B. The horse becomes B's property on delivery.

(b.) A sends goods to B, with the request that he will buy them at a stated price if he approves of them, or return them if he does not approve of them. B retains the goods, and informs A that he approves of them. The goods become B's when B retains them.

(c.) B offers A, for his horse, 1,000 rupees, the horse to be delivered to B on a stated day, and the price to be paid on another stated day. A accepts the offer. The horse becomes B's as soon as the proposal is accepted.

(d.) B offers A, for his horse, 1,000 rupees, on a month's credit. A accepts the offer. The horse becomes B's as soon as the offer is accepted.

(e.) B, on the first January, offers to A, for a quantity of rice, 2,000 rupees, to be paid on the first March following, the rice not to be taken away till paid for. A accepts the offer. The rice becomes B's as soon as the offer is accepted.

Transfer of ownership of thing sold which has yet to be ascertained, made, or finished.

79. Where there is a contract for the sale of a thing which has yet to be ascertained, made, or finished, the ownership of the thing is not transferred to the buyer until it is ascertained, made, or finished.

Illustration.

B orders A, a barge-builder, to make him a barge. The price is not made payable by instalments. While the barge is building, B pays to A money from time to time on account of the price. The ownership of the barge does not pass to B until it is finished.

Completion of sale of goods which the seller is to put into state in which buyer is to take them.

80. Where, by a contract for the sale of goods, the seller is to do anything to them for the purpose of putting them into a state in which the buyer is to take them, the sale is not complete until such thing has been done.

Illustration.

A, a ship-builder, contracts to sell to B, for a stated price, a vessel which is lying in A's yard; the vessel to be rigged and fitted for a voyage, and the price to be paid on delivery. Under the contract, the property in the vessel does not pass to B until the vessel has been rigged, fitted up, and delivered.

Completion of sale of goods when seller has to do anything thereto in order to ascertain price.

81. Where anything remains to be done to the goods by the seller for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of the price, the sale is not complete until this has been done.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, the owner of a stack of bark, contracts to sell it to B, weigh and deliver it, at 100 rupees per ton. B agrees to take and pay for it on a certain day. Part is weighed and delivered to B; the ownership of the residue is not transferred to B until it has been weighed pursuant to the contract.

(b.) A contracts to sell a heap of clay to B at a certain price per ton. B is, by the contract, to load the clay in his own carts, and to weigh each load at a certain weighing machine, which his carts must pass on their way from A's ground to B's place of deposit. Here, nothing more remains to be done by the seller; the sale is complete, and the ownership of the heap of clay is transferred at once.

Completion of sale when goods are unascertained at date of contract.

82. Where the goods are not ascertained at the time of making the contract of sale, it is necessary to the completion of the sale that the goods shall be ascertained.

Illustration.

A agrees to sell to B, 20 tons of oil in A's cisterns. A's cisterns contain more than 20 tons of oil. No portion of the oil has become the property of B.

83. Where the goods are not ascertained at the time of making the agreement for sale, but goods answering the description in the agreement are subsequently appropriated by one party, for the purpose of the agreement, and that appropriation is assented to by the other, the goods have been ascertained, and the sale is complete.

Illustration.

A having a quantity of sugar in bulk, more than sufficient to fill 20 hogsheads, contracts to sell B 20 hogsheads of it. After the contract, A fills 20 hogsheads with the sugar, and gives notice to B that the hogsheads are ready, and requires him to take them away. B says he will take them as soon as he can. By this appropriation by A, and assent by B, the sugar becomes the property of B.

84. Where the goods are not ascertained at the time of making the contract of sale, and, by the terms of the contract, the seller is to do an act with reference to the goods which cannot be done until they are appropriated to the buyer, the seller has a right to select any goods answering to the contract, and by his doing so the goods are ascertained.

Illustration.

B agrees with A to purchase of him, at a stated price, to be paid on a fixed day, 50 maunds of rice out of a larger quantity in A's granary. It is agreed that B shall send sacks for the rice, and that A shall put the rice into them. B does so, and A puts 50 maunds of rice into the sacks. The goods have been ascertained.

Transfer of ownership of movable property when sold together with immovable.

85. Where an agreement is made for the sale of immovable and movable property combined, the ownership of the movable property does not pass before the transfer of the immovable property.

Illustration.

A agrees with B for the sale of a house and furniture. The ownership of the furniture does not pass to B until the house is conveyed to B.

Buyer to bear loss after goods have become his property.

86. When goods have become the property of the buyer, he must bear any loss arising from their destruction or injury.

Illustrations.

(a.) B offers, and A accepts, 100 rupees for a stack of fire-wood standing on A's premises, the fire-wood to be allowed to remain on A's premises till a certain day, and not to be taken away till paid for. Before payment, and while the fire-wood is on A's premises, it is accidentally destroyed by fire. B must bear the loss.

(b.) A bids 1,000 rupees for a picture at a sale by auction. After the bid, it is injured by an accident. If the accident happens before the hammer falls, the loss falls on the seller; if afterwards, on A.

Transfer of ownership of goods agreed to be sold while non-existent.

87. When there is a contract for the sale of goods not yet in existence, the ownership of the goods may be transferred by acts done, after the goods are produced, in pursuance of the contract, by the seller, or by the buyer with the seller's assent.

Illustrations.

(a.) A contracts to sell to B, for a stated price, all the indigo which shall be produced at A's factory during the ensuing year. A, when the indigo has been manufactured, gives B an acknowledgment that he holds the indigo at his disposal. The ownership of the indigo vests in B from the date of the acknowledgment.

(b.) A, for a stated price, contracts that B may take and sell any crops that shall be grown on A's land in succession to the crops then standing. Under this contract, B, with the assent of A, takes possession of some crops grown in succession to the crops standing at the time of the contract. The ownership of the crops, when taken possession of, vests in B.

(c.) A, for a stated price, contracts that B may take and sell any crops that shall be grown on his land in succession to the crops then standing. Under this contract, B applies to A for possession of some crops grown in succession to the crops which were standing at the time of the contract. A refuses to give possession. The ownership of the crops has not passed to B, though A may commit a breach of contract in refusing to give possession.

Contract to sell and deliver at a future day, goods not in seller's possession at date of contract.

88. A contract for the sale of goods to be delivered at a future day is binding, though the goods are not in the possession of the seller at the time of making the contract, and though, at that time, he has no reasonable expectation of acquiring them otherwise than by purchase.

Illustration.

A contracts, on the first January, to sell B 50 shares in the East Indian Railway Company, to be delivered and paid for on the first March of the same year. A, at the time of making the contract, is not in possession of any shares. The contract is valid.

Determination of price not fixed by contract.

89. Where the price of goods sold is not fixed by the contract of sale, the buyer is bound to pay the seller such a price as the Court considers reasonable.

Illustration.

B, living at Patna, orders of A, a coach-builder at Calcutta, a carriage of a particular description. Nothing is said by either as to the price. The order having been executed, and the price being in dispute between the buyer and the seller, the Court must decide what price it considers reasonable.

DELIVERY.

90. Delivery of goods sold may be made by doing anything which has the effect of putting them in the possession of the buyer, or of any person authorized to hold them on his behalf.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sells to B a horse, and causes or permits it to be removed from A's stables to B's. The removal to B's stable is a delivery.

(b.) B, in England, orders 100 bales of cotton from A, a merchant of Bombay, and sends his own ship to Bombay for the cotton. The putting the cotton on board the ship is a delivery to B.

(c.) A sells to B certain specific goods which are locked up in a godown. A gives B the key of the godown, in order that he may get the goods. This is a delivery.

(d.) A sells to B five specific casks of oil. The oil is in the warehouse of A. B sells the five casks to C. A receives warehouse rent for them from C. This amounts to a delivery of the oil to C, as it shows an assent on the part of A to hold the goods as warehouse-man of C.

(e.) A sells to B 50 maunds of rice in the possession of C, a warehouse-man. A gives B an order to C to transfer the rice to B, and C assents to such order, and transfers the rice in his books to B. This is a delivery.

(f.) A agrees to sell B five tons of oil, at 1,000 rupees per ton, to be paid for at the time of delivery. A gives to C, a wharfinger, at whose wharf he had twenty tons of the oil, an order to transfer five of them into the name of B. C makes the transfer in his books, and gives A's clerk a notice of the transfer for B. A's clerk takes the transfer notice to B, and offers to give it him on payment of the price of the oil. B refuses to pay. There has been no delivery to B, as B never assented to make C his agent to hold for him the five tons selected by A.

91. A delivery to a wharfinger or carrier of the goods sold has the same effect as a delivery to the buyer, but does not render the buyer liable for the price of goods which do not reach him, unless the delivery is so made as to enable him to hold the wharfinger or carrier responsible for the safe custody or delivery of the goods.

Effect of delivery to wharfinger or carrier.

Illustration.

B, at Agra, orders of A, who lives at Calcutta, three casks of oil to be sent to him by railway. A takes three casks of oil directed to B to the railway station, and leaves them there without

conforming to the rules which must be complied with in order to render the Railway Company responsible for their safety. The goods do not reach B. There has not been a sufficient delivery to charge B in a suit for the price.

92. A delivery of part of goods, in progress of the delivery of the whole, has the same effect, for the purpose of passing the property in such goods, as a delivery of the whole; but a delivery of part of the goods, with an intention of severing it from the whole, does not operate as a delivery of the remainder.

Illustrations.

(a.) A ship arrives in a harbour laden with a cargo consigned to A, the buyer of the cargo. The captain begins to discharge it, and delivers over part of the goods to A in progress of the delivery of the whole. This is a delivery of the cargo to A for the purpose of passing the property in the cargo.

(b.) A sells to B a stack of firewood, to be paid for by B on delivery. After the sale, B applies for and obtains from A leave to take away some of the firewood. This has not the legal effect of delivery of the whole.

(c.) A sells 50 maunds of rice to B. The rice remains in A's warehouse. After the sale, B sells to C 10 maunds of the rice, and A, at B's desire, sends the 10 maunds to C. This has not the legal effect of a delivery of the whole.

Seller not bound to deliver until buyer applies for delivery.

93. In the absence of any special promise, the seller of goods is not bound to deliver them until the buyer applies for delivery.

94. In the absence of any special promise as to delivery, goods sold are to be delivered at the place at which they are at the time of the sale; and goods contracted to be sold are to be delivered at the place at which they are at the time of the contract for sale, or, if not then in existence, at the place at which they are produced.

SELLER'S LIEN.

95. Unless a contrary intention appears by the contract, a seller has a lien on sold goods, as long as they remain in his possession, and the price or any part of it remains unpaid.

seller's lien.

96. Where, by the contract, the payment is to be made at a future day, but no time is fixed for the delivery of the goods, the seller has no lien, and the buyer is entitled to a present delivery of the goods without payment. But if the buyer becomes insolvent before delivery of the goods, or if the time appointed for payment arrives before the delivery of the goods, the seller may retain the goods for the price.

Lien where payment to be made at a future day, but no time fixed for delivery.

'Insolvency' defined.

Explanation.—A person is insolvent who has ceased to pay his debts in the usual course of business, or who is incapable of paying them.

Illustration.

A sells to B a quantity of sugar in A's warehouse. It is agreed that three months' credit shall be given. B allows the sugar to remain in A's warehouse. Before the expiry of the three months, B becomes insolvent. A may retain the goods for the price.

Seller's lien where payment to be made at future day, and buyer allows goods to remain in seller's possession.

97. Where, by the contract, the payment is to be made at a future day, and the buyer allows the goods to remain in the possession of the seller until that day, and does not then pay for them, the seller may retain the goods for the price.

Illustration.

A sells to B a quantity of sugar in A's warehouse. It is agreed that three months' credit shall be given. B allows the sugar to remain in A's warehouse till the expiry of the three months, and then does not pay for them. A may retain the goods for the price.

Seller's lien against subsequent buyer.

98. A seller, in possession of goods sold, may retain them for the price against any subsequent buyer, unless the seller has recognized the title of the subsequent buyer.

STOPPAGE IN TRANSIT.

Power of seller to stop in transit. 99. A seller who has parted with the possession of the goods, and has not received the whole price, may, if the buyer becomes insolvent, stop the goods while they are in transit to the buyer.

When goods are to be deemed in transit. 100. Goods are to be deemed in transit while they are in the possession of the carrier, or lodged at any place in the course of transmission to the buyer, and are not yet come into the possession of the buyer or any person on his behalf, otherwise than as being in possession of the carrier, or as being so lodged.

Illustrations.

(a.) B, living at Madras, orders goods of A, at Patna, and directs that they shall be sent to Madras. The goods are sent to Calcutta, and there delivered to C, a wharfinger, to be forwarded to Madras. The goods, while they are in the possession of C, are in transit.

(b.) B, at Delhi, orders goods of A, at Calcutta. A consigns and forwards the goods to B at Delhi. On arrival there, they are taken to the warehouse of B, and left there. B refuses to receive them, and immediately afterwards stops payment. The goods are in transit.

(c.) B, who lives at Poona, orders goods of A at Bombay. A sends them to Poona by C, a carrier appointed by B. The goods arrive at Poona, and are placed by C, at B's request, in C's warehouse for B. The goods are no longer in transit.

(d.) B, a merchant of London, orders 100 bales of cotton of A, a merchant at Bombay. B sends his own ship to Bombay for the cotton. The transit is at an end when the cotton is delivered on board the ship.

(e.) B, a merchant of London, orders 100 bales of cotton of A, a merchant at Bombay. B sends his own ship to Bombay for the cotton. A delivers the cotton on board the ship, and takes bills of lading from the master, making the cotton deliverable to A's order or assigns. The cotton arrives at London, but before coming into B's possession, B becomes insolvent. The cotton has not been paid for. A may stop the cotton.

Continuance of right of stoppage. 101. The seller's right of stoppage does not, except in the cases hereinafter mentioned, cease on the buyer's reselling the goods, while in transit, and receiving the price, but continues until the goods have been delivered to the second buyer, or to some person on his behalf.

Cessation of right on assignment, by buyer, of document, showing title. 102. The right of stoppage ceases if the buyer, having obtained a bill of lading or other document showing title to the goods, assigns it, while the goods are in transit, to a second buyer, who is acting in good faith, and who gives valuable consideration for them.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sells and consigns certain goods to B, and sends him the bill of lading. A being still unpaid, B becomes insolvent, and while the goods are in transit, assigns the bill of lading for cash to C, who is not aware of his insolvency. A cannot stop the goods in transit.

(b.) A sells and consigns certain goods to B. A being still unpaid, B becomes insolvent, and while the goods are still in transit, assigns the bill of lading for cash to C, who knows that B is insolvent. The assignment not being in good faith, A may still stop the goods in transit.

How seller may stop where instrument of title assigned to secure specific advance. 103. Where a bill of lading or other instrument of title to any goods is assigned by the buyer of such goods by way of pledge, to secure an advance made specifically upon it, in good faith, the seller cannot, except on payment or tender to the pledgee of the advance so made, stop the goods in transit.

Illustrations.

(a.) A sells and consigns goods to B of the value of 12,000 rupees. B assigns the bill of lading for these goods to C, to secure a specific advance of 5,000 rupees made to him upon the bill of lading by C. B becomes insolvent, being indebted to C to the amount of 9,000 rupees. A is not entitled to stop the goods except on payment or tender to C of 5,000 rupees.

(b.) A sells and consigns goods to B of the value of 12,000 rupees. B assigns the bill of lading for these goods to C, to secure the sum of 5,000 rupees due from him to C, upon a general balance of account. B becomes insolvent. A is entitled to stop the goods in transit without payment or tender to C of the 5,000 rupees.

Stoppage how effected. 104. The seller may effect stoppage in transit, either by taking actual possession of the goods, or by giving notice of his claim to the carrier or other depositary in whose possession they are.

105. Such notice may be given either to the person who has the immediate possession of the goods, or to the principal, whose servant has possession. In the latter case, the notice must be given at such a time, and under such circumstances, that the principal, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, may communicate it to his servant in time to prevent a delivery to the buyer.

Right of seller on stoppage.

106. Stoppage in transit entitles the seller to hold the goods stopped until the price of the whole of the goods sold is paid.

Illustration.

A sells to B 100 bales of cotton; 60 bales having come into B's possession, and 40 being still in transit, B becomes insolvent, and A, being still unpaid, stops the 40 bales in transit. A is entitled to hold the 40 bales until the price of the 100 bales is paid.

RE-SALE.

107. Where the buyer of goods fails to perform his part of the contract, either by not taking the goods sold to him, or by not paying for them, the seller, having a lien on the goods, or having stopped them in transit, may, after giving notice to the buyer of his intention to do so, re-sell them after the lapse of a reasonable time, and the buyer must bear any loss, but is not entitled to any profit, which may occur on such re-sale.

TITLE.

Title conveyed by seller of goods to buyer.

108. No seller can give to the buyer of goods a better title to those goods than he has himself, except in the following cases:—

EXCEPTION 1.—When any person is, by the consent of the owner, in possession of any goods, or of any bill of lading, dock-warrant, warehouse-keeper's certificate, wharfinger's certificate or warrant or order for delivery, or other document showing title to goods, he may transfer the ownership of the goods, of which he is so in possession, or to which such documents relate, to any other person, and give such person a good title thereto, notwithstanding any instructions of the owner to the contrary: Provided that the buyer acts in good faith, and under circumstances which are not such as to raise a reasonable presumption that the person in possession of the goods or documents has no right to sell the goods.

EXCEPTION 2.—If one of several joint-owners of goods has the sole possession of them by the permission of the co-owners, the ownership of the goods is transferred to any person who buys them of such joint-owner in good faith, and under circumstances which are not such as to raise a reasonable presumption that the person in possession of the goods has no right to sell them.

EXCEPTION 3.—When a person has obtained possession of goods under a contract voidable at the option of the other party thereto, the ownership of the goods is transferred to a third person who, before the contract is rescinded, buys them in good faith of the person in possession; unless circumstances which render the contract voidable amounted to an offence committed by the person in possession or those whom he represents.

In this case the original seller is entitled to compensation from the original purchaser for any loss which the seller may have sustained by being prevented from rescinding the contract.

Illustrations.

(a.) A buys from B, in good faith, a cow which B had stolen from C. The property in the cow is not transferred to A.

(b.) A, a merchant, entrusts B, his agent, with a bill of lading relating to certain goods, and instructs B not to sell the goods for less than a certain price, and not to give credit to D. B sells the goods to D for less than that price, and gives D three months' credit. The property in the goods passes to D.

(c.) A sells to B goods of which he has the bill of lading, but the bill of lading is made out for delivery of the goods to C, and it has not been endorsed by C. The property is not transferred to B.

(d.) A, B, and C are joint Hindoo brothers, who own certain cattle in common. A is left by B and C in possession of a cow, which he sells to D. D purchases *bonâ fide*. The property in the cow is transferred to D.

*(e.) A, by a misrepresentation not amounting to cheating, induces B to sell and deliver to him a horse. A sells the horse to C before B has rescinded the contract. The property in the horse is transferred to C; and B is entitled to compensation from A for any loss which B has sustained by being prevented from rescinding the contract.

*(f.) A compels B by wrongful intimidation, or induces him by cheating or forgery, to sell him a horse, and, before B rescinds the contract, sells the horse to C. The property is not transferred to C.

WARRANTY.

109. If the buyer, or any person claiming under him, is, by reason of the invalidity of the seller's title, deprived of the thing sold, the seller is responsible to the buyer, or the person claiming under him, for loss caused thereby, unless a contrary intention appears by the contract.

Seller's responsibility for badness of title.

110. An implied warranty of goodness or quality may be established by the custom of any particular trade.

Establishment of implied warranty of goodness or quality.

Warranty of soundness implied on sale of provisions.

111. On the sale of provisions, there is an implied warranty that they are sound.

Warranty of bulk implied on sale of goods by sample.

112. On the sale of goods by sample, there is an implied warranty that the bulk is equal in quality to the sample.

113. Where goods are sold as being of certain denomination, there is an implied warranty that they are such goods as are commercially known by that denomination, although the buyer may have bought them by sample, or after inspection of the bulk.

Warranty implied where goods are sold as being of a certain denomination.

Explanation.—But if the contract specifically states that the goods, though sold as of a certain denomination, are not warranted to be of that denomination, there is no implied warranty.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, at Calcutta, sells to B twelve bags of "waste silk," then on its way from Moorshebad to Calcutta. There is an implied warranty by A that the silk shall be such as is known in the market under the denomination of "waste silk."

(b.) A buys, by sample and after having inspected the bulk, 100 bales of "Fair Bengal" Cotton. The cotton proves not to be such as is known in the market as "Fair Bengal;" there is a breach of warranty.

114. Where goods have been ordered for a specified purpose, for which goods, of the denomination mentioned in the order, are usually sold, there is an implied warranty by the seller that the goods supplied are fit for that purpose.

Warranty where goods ordered for a specified purpose.

Illustration.

B orders of A, a copper manufacturer, copper for sheathing a vessel. A, on this order, supplies copper. There is an implied warranty that the copper is fit for sheathing a vessel.

Warranty on sale of article of a well-known ascertained kind.

115. Upon the sale of an article of a well-known ascertained kind, there is no implied warranty of its fitness for any particular purpose.

Illustration.

B writes to A, the owner of a patent invention for cleaning cotton—"Send me your Patent Cotton-cleaning Machine to clean the cotton at my factory." A sends the machine according to order. There is an implied warranty by A that it is the article known as A's Patent Cotton-cleaning Machine, but none that it is fit for the particular purpose of cleaning the cotton at B's factory.

116. In the absence of fraud and of any express warranty of quality, the seller of an article, which answers the description under which it was sold, is not responsible for a latent defect in it.

Seller when not responsible for latent defects.

Illustration.

A sells to B a horse. It turns out that the horse had, at the time of the sale, a defect of which A was unaware. A is not responsible for this.

117. Where a specific article, sold with a warranty, has been delivered and accepted, and the warranty is broken, the sale is not thereby rendered voidable; but the buyer is entitled to compensation from the seller for loss caused by the breach of warranty.

Buyer's right on breach of warranty.

Illustration.

A sells and delivers to B a horse, warranted sound. The horse proves to have been unsound at the time of sale. The sale is not thereby rendered voidable, but B is entitled to compensation from A for loss caused by the unsoundness.

Right of buyer on breach of warranty in respect of goods not ascertained.

118. Where there has been a contract, with a warranty, for the sale of goods which, at the time of the contract, were not ascertained or not in existence, and the warranty is broken, the buyer may

accept the goods or refuse to accept the goods when tendered,

or keep the goods for a time reasonably sufficient for examining and trying them, and then refuse to accept them; provided that, during such time, he exercises no other act of ownership over them than is necessary for the purpose of examination and trial.

In any case the buyer is entitled to compensation from the seller for any loss caused by the breach of warranty; but if he accepts the goods and intends to claim compensation, he must give notice of his intention to do so within a reasonable time after discovering the breach of the warranty.

Illustrations.

(a.) A agrees to sell and, without application on B's part, deliver to B 200 bales of unascertained cotton by sample. Cotton, not in accordance with sample, is delivered to B. B may return it if he has not kept it longer than a reasonable time for the purpose of examination.

(b.) B agrees to buy of A twenty-five sacks of flour by sample. The flour is delivered to B who pays the price. B, upon examination, finds it not equal to sample; B afterwards uses two sacks, and sells one. He cannot now rescind the contract and recover the price, but he is entitled to compensation from A for any loss caused by the breach of warranty.

(c.) B makes two pairs of shoes for A by A's order. When the shoes are delivered, they do not fit A. A keeps both pairs for a day. He wears one pair for a short time in the house, and takes a long walk out of doors in the other pair. He may refuse to accept the first pair, but not the second. But he may recover compensation for any loss sustained by the defect of the second pair.

MISCELLANEOUS.

When buyer may refuse to accept if goods not ordered are sent with goods ordered.

119. When the seller sends to the buyer goods not ordered with goods ordered, the buyer may refuse to accept any of the goods so sent, if there is risk or trouble in separating the goods ordered from the goods not ordered.

Illustration.

A orders of B specific articles of china. B sends these articles to A in a hamper, with other articles of china which had not been ordered. A may refuse to accept any of the goods sent.

Effect of wrongful refusal to accept

120. If a buyer wrongfully refuses to accept the goods sold to him, this amounts to a breach of the contract of sale.

Right of seller as to rescission on failure of buyer to pay price at time fixed.

121. When goods sold have been delivered to the buyer, the seller is not entitled to rescind the contract on the buyer's failing to pay the price at the time fixed, unless it was stipulated by the contract that he should be so entitled.

122. Where goods are sold by auction, there is a distinct and separate sale of

Sale and transfer of lots sold by auction.

the goods in each lot, by which the ownership thereof is transferred as each lot is knocked down.

Effect of use by seller of pretended biddings to raise price.

123. If, at a sale by auction, the seller makes use of pretended biddings to raise the price, the sale is voidable at the option of the buyer.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF INDEMNITY AND GUARANTEE.

Contract of 'indemnity' defined.

124. A contract by which one party promises to save the other from loss caused to him by the conduct of the promisor himself, or by the conduct of any other person, is called a contract of indemnity.

Illustration.

A contracts to indemnify B against the consequences of any proceedings which C may take against B in respect of a certain sum of 200 rupees. This is a contract of indemnity.

Rights and liabilities of indemnity-holder when sued.

125. The promisee in a contract of indemnity, acting within the scope of his authority, is entitled to recover from the promisor—

(1) all damages which he may be compelled to pay in any suit in respect of any matter to which the promise to indemnify applies ;

(2) all costs which he may be compelled to pay in any such suit if, in bringing or defending it, he did not contravene the orders of the promisor and acted as it would have been prudent for him to act in the absence of any contract of indemnity, or if the promisor authorized him to bring or defend the suit ;

(3) all sums which he may have paid under the terms of any compromise of any such suit, if the compromise was not contrary to the orders of the promisor and was one which it would have been prudent for the promisee to make in the absence of any contract of indemnity, or if the promisor authorized him to compromise the suit.

126. A contract of guarantee is a contract to perform the promise, or discharge the liability, of a third person in case of his default. The person who gives the guarantee is called the surety, the person in respect of whose default the guarantee is given is called the principal debtor, and the person to whom the guarantee is given is called the creditor. A guarantee may be either oral or written.

Consideration for guarantee.

127. Anything done, or any promise made, for the benefit of the principal debtor, may be a sufficient consideration to the surety for giving the guarantee.

Illustrations.

(a.) B requests A to sell and deliver to him goods on credit. A agrees to do so, provided C will guarantee the payment of the price of the goods. C promises to guarantee the payment in consideration of A's promise to deliver the goods. This is a sufficient consideration for C's promise.

(b.) A sells and delivers goods to B. C afterwards requests A to forbear to sue B for the debt for a year, and promises that, if he does so, C will pay for them in default of payment by B. A agrees to forbear as requested. This is a sufficient consideration for C's promise.

(c.) A sells and delivers goods to B. C afterwards, without consideration, agrees to pay for them in default of B. The agreement is void.

Surety's liability.

128. The liability of the surety is co-extensive with that of the principal debtor, unless it is otherwise provided by the contract.

Illustration.

A guarantees to B the payment of a bill of exchange by C, the acceptor. The bill is dishonored by C. A is liable, not only for the amount of the bill, but also for any interest and charges which may have become due on it.

Continuing guarantee.

129. A guarantee which extends to a series of transactions, is called a continuing guarantee.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, in consideration that B will employ C in collecting the rents of B's zemindary, promises B to be responsible to the amount of 5,000 rupees, for the due collection and payment by C of those rents. This is a continuing guarantee.

(b.) A guarantees payment to B, a tea-dealer, to the amount of £100, for any tea he may from time to time supply to C. B supplies C with tea to above the value of £100, and C pays B for it. Afterwards B supplies C with tea to the value of £200. C fails to pay. The guarantee given by A was a continuing guarantee, and he is accordingly liable to B to the extent of £100.

(c.) A guarantees payment to B of the price of five sacks of flour to be delivered by B to C and to be paid for in a month. B delivers five sacks to C. C pays for them. Afterwards B delivers four sacks to C, which C does not pay for. The guarantee given by A was not a continuing guarantee, and accordingly he is not liable for the price of the four sacks.

Revocation of continuing guarantee.

130. A continuing guarantee may at any time be revoked by the surety, as to future transactions, by notice to the creditor.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, in consideration of B's discounting, at A's request, bills of exchange for C, guarantees to B for twelve months the due payment of all such bills to the extent of 5,000 rupees. B discounts bills for C to the extent of 2,000 rupees. Afterwards, at the end of three months, A revokes the guarantee. This revocation discharges A from all liability to B for any subsequent discount. But A is liable to B for the 2,000 rupees, on default of C.

(b.) A guarantees to B, to the extent of 10,000 rupees, that C shall pay all the bills that B shall draw upon him. B draws upon C. C accepts the bill. A gives notice of revocation. C dishonors the bill at maturity. A is liable upon his guarantee.

Revocation of continuing guarantee by surety's death.

131. The death of the surety operates, in the absence of any contract to the contrary, as a revocation of a continuing guarantee, so far as regards future transactions.

132. Where two persons contract with a third person to undertake a certain liability, and also contract with each other that one of them shall be liable only on the default of the other, the third person not being a party to such contract, the liability of each of such two persons to the third person under the first contract is not affected by the existence of the second contract, although such third person may have been aware of its existence.

Liability of two persons primarily liable, not affected by a private arrangement between them as to suretyship.

Illustration.

A and B make a joint and several promissory note to C. A makes it, in fact, as surety for B, and C knows this at the time when the note is made. The fact that A, to the knowledge of C, made the note as surety for B, is no answer to a suit by C against A upon the note.

Discharge of surety by variance in terms of contract.

133. Any variance made without the surety's consent in the terms of the contract between the principal and the creditor, discharges the surety as to transactions subsequent to the variance.

Illustrations.

(a.) A becomes surety to C for B's conduct as a manager in C's bank. Afterwards, B and C contract, without A's consent, that B's salary shall be raised, and that he shall become liable for one-fourth of the losses on over-drafts. B allows a customer to overdraw, and the bank loses a sum of money. A is discharged from his suretyship by the variance made without his consent, and is not liable to make good this loss.

(b.) A guarantees C against the misconduct of B in an office to which B is appointed by C, and of which the duties are defined by an Act of the legislature. By a subsequent Act, the nature of the office is materially altered. Afterwards, B misconducts himself. A is discharged by the change from future liability under his guarantee, though the misconduct of B is in respect of a duty not affected by the later Act.

(c.) C agrees to appoint B as his clerk to sell goods at a yearly salary, upon A's becoming surety to C for B's duly accounting for moneys received by him as such clerk. Afterwards, without A's knowledge or consent, C and B agree that B should be paid by a commission on the goods sold by him and not by a fixed salary. A is not liable for subsequent misconduct of B.

(d.) A gives to C a continuing guarantee to the extent of 3,000 rupees for any oil supplied by C to B on credit. Afterwards B becomes embarrassed, and without the knowledge of A, B and C contract that C shall continue to supply B with oil for ready money, and that the payments shall be applied to the then existing debts between B and C. A is not liable on his guarantee for any goods supplied after this new arrangement.

(e.) C contracts to lend B 5,000 rupees on the first March. A guarantees repayment. C pays the 5,000 rupees to B on the first January. A is discharged from his liability, as the contract has been varied, inasmuch as C might sue B for the money before the first of March.

134. The surety is discharged by any contract between the creditor and the principal debtor, by which the principal debtor is released, or by any act or omission of the creditor, the legal consequence of which is the discharge of the principal debtor.

Discharge of surety by release or discharge of principal debtor.

Illustrations.

(a.) A gives a guarantee to C for goods to be supplied by C to B. C supplies goods to B, and afterwards B becomes embarrassed and contracts with his creditors (including C) to assign to them his property in consideration of their releasing him from their demands. Here B is released from his debt by the contract with C, and A is discharged from his suretyship.

(b.) A contracts with B to grow a crop of indigo on A's land and to deliver it to B at a fixed rate, and C guarantees A's performance of this contract. B diverts a stream of water which is necessary for the irrigation of A's land, and thereby prevents him from raising the indigo. C is no longer liable on his guarantee.

(c.) A contracts with B for a fixed price to build a house for B within a stipulated time, B supplying the necessary timber. C guarantees A's performance of the contract. B omits to supply the timber. C is discharged from his suretyship.

Discharge of surety when creditor compounds with, gives time to, or agrees not to sue, principal debtor.

135. A contract between the creditor and the principal debtor, by which the creditor makes a composition with, or promises to give time to, or not to sue, the principal debtor, discharges the surety, unless the surety assents to such contract.

Surety not discharged when agreement made with a third person to give time to principal debtor.

136. Where a contract to give time to the principal debtor is made by the creditor with a third person, and not with the principal debtor, the surety is not discharged.

Illustration.

C, the holder of an overdue bill of exchange drawn by A as surety for B, and accepted by B, contracts with M to give time to B. A is not discharged.

137. Mere forbearance on the part of the creditor to sue the principal debtor, or to enforce any other remedy against him, does not, in the absence of any provision in the guarantee to the contrary, discharge the surety.

Creditor's forbearance to sue does not discharge surety.

Illustration.

B owes to C a debt guaranteed by A. The debt becomes payable. C does not sue B for a year after the debt has become payable. A is not discharged from his suretyship.

Release of one co-surety does not discharge others.

138. Where there are co-sureties, a release by the creditor of one of them does not discharge the others; neither does it free the surety so released from his responsibility to the other sureties.

139. If the creditor does any act which is inconsistent with the rights of the surety, or omits to do any act which his duty to the surety requires him to do, and the eventual remedy of the surety himself against the principal debtor is thereby impaired, the surety is discharged.

Discharge of surety by creditor's act or omission impairing surety's eventual remedy.

Illustrations.

(a.) B contracts to build a ship for C for a given sum, to be paid by instalments as the work reaches certain stages. A becomes surety to C for B's due performance of the contract. C, without the knowledge of A, prepays to B the last two instalments. A is discharged by this prepayment.

(b.) C lends money to B on the security of a joint and several promissory note made in C's favor by B and by A as surety for B, together with a bill of sale of B's furniture, which gives power to C to sell the furniture, and apply the proceeds in discharge of the note. Subsequently C sells the furniture, but, owing to his misconduct and wilful negligence, only a small price is realized. A is discharged from liability on the note.

(c.) A puts M as apprentice to B, and gives a guarantee to B for M's fidelity. B promises on his part that he will, at least once a month, see M make up the cash. B omits to see this done as promised and M embezzles. A is not liable to B on his guarantee.

140. Where a guaranteed debt has become due, or default of the principal debtor to perform a guaranteed duty has taken place, the surety, upon payment or performance of all that he is liable for, is invested with all the rights which the creditor had against the principal debtor.

Rights of surety on payment or performance.

141. A surety is entitled to the benefit of every security, which the creditor has against the principal debtor at the time when the contract of suretyship is entered into, whether the surety knows of the existence of such security or not; and if the creditor loses, or, without the consent of the surety, parts with such security, the surety is discharged to the extent of the value of the security.

Surety's right to benefit of creditor's securities.

Illustrations.

(a.) C advances to B, his tenant, 2,000 rupees on the guarantee of A. C has also a further security for the 2,000 rupees by a mortgage of B's furniture. C cancels the mortgage. B becomes

insolvent, and C sues A on his guarantee. A is discharged from liability to the amount of the value of the furniture.

(b.) C, a creditor, whose advance to B is secured by a decree, receives also a guarantee for that advance from A. C afterwards takes B's goods in execution under the decree, and then, without the knowledge of A, withdraws the execution. A is discharged.

(c.) A, as surety for B, makes a bond jointly with B to C to secure a loan from C to B. Afterwards, C obtains from B a further security for the same debt. Subsequently C gives up the further security. A is not discharged.

Guarantee obtained by misrepresentation invalid.

142. Any guarantee, which has been obtained by means of misrepresentation made by the creditor, or with his knowledge and assent, concerning a material part of the transaction, is invalid.

Guarantee obtained by concealment invalid.

143. Any guarantee, which the creditor has obtained by means of keeping silence as to a material circumstance, is invalid.

Illustrations.

(a.) A engages B as clerk to collect money for him. B fails to account for some of his receipts, and A in consequence calls upon him to furnish security for his duly accounting. C gives his guarantee for B's duly accounting. A does not acquaint C with B's previous conduct. B afterwards makes default. The guarantee is invalid.

(b.) A guarantees to C payment for iron to be supplied by him to B to the amount of 2,000 tons. B and C have privately agreed that B should pay five rupees per ton beyond the market price, such excess to be applied in liquidation of an old debt. This agreement is concealed from A. A is not liable as a surety.

Guarantee on agreement that creditor shall not act on it until co-surety joins.

144. Where a person gives a guarantee upon a contract that the creditor shall not act upon it until another person has joined in it as co-surety, the guarantee is not valid if that other person does not join.

145. In every contract of guarantee there is an implied promise by the principal debtor to indemnify the surety; and the surety is entitled to recover from the principal debtor whatever sum he has rightfully paid under the guarantee, but no sums which he has paid wrongfully.

Implied promise to indemnify surety.

Illustrations.

(a.) B is indebted to C, and A is surety for the debt. C demands payment from A, and on his refusal sues him for the amount. A defends the suit, having reasonable grounds for doing so, but he is compelled to pay the amount of the debt with costs. He can recover from B the amount paid by him for costs, as well as the principal debt.

(b.) C lends B a sum of money, and A, at the request of B, accepts a bill of exchange drawn by B upon A to secure the amount. C, the holder of the bill, demands payment of it from A, and, on A's refusal to pay, sues him upon the bill. A, not having reasonable grounds for so doing, defends the suit, and has to pay the amount of the bill and costs. He can recover from B the amount of the bill, but not the sum paid for costs, as there was no real ground for defending the action.

(c.) A guarantees to C, to the extent of 2,000 rupees, payment for rice to be supplied by C to B. C supplies to B rice to a less amount than 2,000 rupees, but obtains from A payment of the sum of 2,000 rupees in respect of the rice supplied. A cannot recover from B more than the price of the rice actually supplied.

146. Where two or more persons are co-sureties for the same debt or duty, either jointly or severally, and whether under the same or different contracts, and whether with or without the knowledge of each other, the co-sureties, in the absence of any contract to the contrary, are liable, as between themselves, to pay each an equal share of the whole debt, or of that part of it which remains unpaid by the principal debtor.

Co-sureties liable to contribute equally.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, B, and C are sureties to D for the sum of 3,000 rupees lent to E. E makes default in payment. A, B, and C are liable as between themselves to pay 1,000 rupees each.

(b.) A, B, and C are sureties to D for the sum of 1,000 rupees lent to E, and there is a contract between A, B, and C that A is to be responsible to the extent of one-quarter, B to the extent of one-quarter, and C to the extent of one-half. E makes default in payment. As between the sureties, A is liable to pay 250 rupees, B 250 rupees, and C 500 rupees.

Liability of co-sureties
bound in different sums.

147. Co-sureties, who are bound in different sums, are liable to pay equally as far as the limits of their respective obligation permit.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, B, and C, as sureties for D, enter into three several bonds, each in a different penalty, namely, A in the penalty of 10,000 rupees, B in that of 20,000 rupees, C in that of 40,000 rupees, conditioned for D's duly accounting to E. D makes default to the extent of 30,000 rupees. A, B, and C are each liable to pay 10,000 rupees.

(b.) A, B, and C, as sureties for D, enter into three several bonds, each in a different penalty, namely, A in the penalty of 10,000 rupees, B in that of 20,000 rupees, C in that of 40,000 rupees, conditioned for D's duly accounting to E. D makes default to the extent of 40,000 rupees. A is liable to pay 10,000 rupees, and B and C 15,000 rupees each.

(c.) A, B, and C, as sureties for D, enter into three several bonds, each in a different penalty, namely, A in the penalty of 10,000 rupees, B in that of 20,000 rupees, C in that of 40,000 rupees, conditioned for D's duly accounting to E. D makes default to the extent of 70,000 rupees. A, B, and C have to pay each the full penalty of his bond.

CHAPTER IX.

OF BAILMENT.

148. A bailment is the delivery of goods by one person to another for some purpose, upon a contract that they shall, when the purpose is accomplished, be returned or otherwise disposed of according to the directions of the person delivering them. The person delivering the goods is called the bailor. The person to whom they are delivered is called the bailee.

Explanation—If a person, already in possession of the goods of another, contracts to hold them as a bailee, he thereby becomes the bailee, and the owner becomes the bailor of such goods, although they may not have been delivered by way of bailment.

Delivery to bailee how made.

149. The delivery to the bailee may be made by doing anything which has the effect of putting the goods in the possession of the intended bailee or of any person authorized to hold them on his behalf.

150. The bailor is bound to disclose to the bailee faults in the goods bailed, of which the bailor is aware, and which materially interfere with the use of them, or expose the bailee to extraordinary risks; and if he does not make such disclosure, he is responsible for damage arising to the bailee directly from such faults.

If the goods are bailed for hire, the bailor is responsible for such damage, whether he was or was not aware of the existence of such faults in the goods bailed.

Illustrations.

(a) A lends a horse, which he knows to be vicious, to B. He does not disclose the fact that the horse is vicious. The horse runs away. B is thrown and injured. A is responsible to B for damage sustained.

(b.) A hires a carriage of B. The carriage is unsafe though B is not aware of it, and A is injured. B is responsible to A for the injury.

151. In all cases of bailment the bailee is bound to take as much care of the goods bailed to him as a man of ordinary prudence would, under similar circumstances, take of his own goods of the same bulk, quality, and value as the goods bailed.

Bailee when not liable for loss, etc., of thing bailed.

152. The bailee, in the absence of any special contract, is not responsible for the loss, destruction, or deterioration of the thing bailed, if he has taken the amount of care of it described in section 151.

Termination of bailment by bailor's act inconsistent with conditions.

153. A contract of bailment is voidable at the option of the bailor, if the bailee does any act with regard to the goods bailed, inconsistent with the conditions of the bailment.

Illustration.

A lets to B for hire a horse for his own riding. B drives the horse in his carriage. This is, at the option of A, a termination of the bailment.

154. If the bailee makes any use of the goods bailed which is not according to the conditions of the bailment, he is liable to make compensation to the bailor for any damage arising to the goods from or during such use of them.

Liability of bailee making unauthorized use of goods.

Illustrations.

(a.) A lends a horse to B for his own riding only. B allows C, a member of his family, to ride the horse. C rides with care, but the horse accidentally falls and is injured. B is liable to make compensation to A for the injury done to the horse.

(b.) A hires a horse in Calcutta from B expressly to march to Benares. A rides with due care, but marches to Cuttack instead. The horse accidentally falls and is injured. A is liable to make compensation to B for the injury to the horse.

155. If the bailee, with the consent of the bailor, mixes the goods of the bailor with his own goods, the bailor and the bailee shall have an interest, in proportion to their respective shares, in the mixture thus produced.

Effect of mixture, with bailor's consent, of his goods with goods of bailee.

156. If the bailee, without the consent of the bailor, mixes the goods of the bailor with his own goods, and the goods can be separated or divided, the property in the goods remains in the parties respectively; but the bailee is bound to bear the expense of separation or division, and any damage arising from the mixture.

Effect of mixture, without bailor's consent, when the goods can be separated.

Illustration.

A bails 100 bales of cotton marked with a particular mark to B. B, without A's consent, mixes the 100 bales with other bales of his own bearing a different mark: A is entitled to have his 100 bales returned, and B is bound to bear all the expense incurred in the separation of the bales, and any other incidental damage.

157. If the bailee, without the consent of the bailor, mixes the goods of the bailor with his own goods, in such a manner that it is impossible to separate the goods bailed from the other goods, and deliver them back, the bailor is entitled to be compensated by the bailee for the loss of the goods.

Effect of mixture, without bailor's consent, when the goods cannot be separated.

Illustration.

A bails a barrel of Cape flour worth Rs. 45 to B. B, without A's consent, mixes the flour with country flour of his own, worth only Rs. 25 a barrel. B must compensate A for the loss of his flour.

158. Where, by the conditions of the bailment, the goods are to be kept or to be carried, or to have work done upon them by the bailee for the bailor, and the bailee is to receive no remuneration, the bailor shall re-pay to the necessary expenses incurred by him for the purpose of the bailment.

Re-payment by bailor of necessary expenses.

159. The lender of a thing for use may at any time require its return, if the loan was gratuitous, even though he lent it for a specified time or purpose. But if, on the faith of such loan made for a specified time or purpose, the borrower has acted in such a manner that the return of the thing lent before the time agreed upon would cause him loss exceeding the benefit actually derived by him from the loan, the lender must, if he compels the return, indemnify the borrower for the amount in which the loss so occasioned exceeds the benefit so derived.

Restoration of goods bailed gratuitously.

Return of goods bailed on expiration of time or accomplishment of purpose.

Bailee's responsibility when goods are not duly delivered or tendered.

Termination of gratuitous bailment by death.

160. It is the duty of the bailee to return, or deliver according to the bailor's directions, the goods bailed, without demand, as soon as the time for which they were bailed has expired, or the purpose for which they were bailed has been accomplished.

161. If, by the fault of the bailee, the goods are not returned, delivered, or tendered at the proper time, he is responsible to the bailor for any loss, destruction, or deterioration of the goods from that time.

162. A gratuitous bailment is terminated by the death either of the bailor or of the bailee.

Bailor entitled to increase or profit from goods bailed.

163. In the absence of any contract to the contrary, the bailee is bound to deliver to the bailor, or according to his directions, any increase or profit which may have accrued from the goods bailed.

Illustration.

A leaves a cow in the custody of B to be taken care of. The cow has a calf. B is bound to deliver the calf as well as the cow to A.

164. The bailor is responsible to the bailee for any loss which the bailee may sustain by reason that the bailor was not entitled to make the bailment, or to receive back the goods, or to give directions respecting them.

Bailor's responsibility to bailee.

165. If several joint owners of goods bail them, the bailee may deliver them back to, or according to the directions of, one joint owner without the consent of all, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary.

Bailment by several joint owners.

Bailee not responsible on re-delivery to bailor without title.

166. If the bailor has no title to the goods, and the bailee, in good faith, delivers them back to, or according to the directions of, the bailor, the bailee is not responsible to the owner in respect of such delivery.

167. If a person, other than the bailor, claims goods bailed, he may apply to the Court to stop the delivery of the goods to the bailor, and to decide the title to the goods.

Right of third person claiming goods bailed.

168. The finder of goods has no right to sue the owner for compensation for trouble and expense voluntarily incurred by him to preserve the goods and to find out the owner; but he may retain the goods against the owner until he receives such compensation; and where the owner has offered a specific reward for the return of goods lost, the finder may sue for such reward, and may retain the goods until he receives it.

Right of finder of goods.

owner until he receives

May sue for specific reward offered

169. When a thing, which is commonly the subject of sale, is lost, if the owner cannot with reasonable diligence be found, or if he refuses, upon demand, to pay the lawful charges of the finder, the finder may sell it—

When finder of thing commonly on sale may sell it.

(1.) when the thing is in danger of perishing or of losing the greater part of its value, or,

(2.) when the lawful charges of the finder, in respect of the thing found, amount to two-thirds of its value.

170. Where the bailee has, in accordance with the purpose of the bailment, rendered any service involving the exercise of labor or skill in respect of the goods bailed, he has, in the absence of a contract to the contrary, a right to retain such goods until he receives due remuneration for the services he has rendered in respect of them.

Bailee's particular lien.

a right to retain such goods until he receives due remuneration for the services he has rendered in respect of them.

Illustrations.

(a.) A delivers a rough diamond to B, a jeweller, to be cut and polished, which is accordingly done. B is entitled to retain the stone till he is paid for the services he has rendered.

(b.) A gives cloth to B, a tailor, to make into a coat. B promises A to deliver the coat as soon as it is finished, and to give A three months' credit for the price. B is not entitled to retain the coat until he is paid.

171. Bankers, factors, wharfingers, attorneys of a High Court, and policy brokers may, in the absence of a contract to the contrary, retain as a security for a general balance of account, any goods bailed to them; but no other persons have a right to retain, as a security for such balance, goods bailed to them, unless there is an express contract to that effect.

General lien of bankers, factors, wharfingers, attorneys, and policy brokers.

BAILMENTS OF PLEDGES.

172. The bailment of goods as security for payment of a debt or performance of a promise is called pledge. The bailor is in this case called the 'pledge,' 'pawnor,' and the bailee is called the 'pawnee' defined.

173. The pawnee may retain the goods pledged, not only for payment of the debt or the performance of the promise, but for the interest of the debt, and all necessary expenses incurred by him in respect of the possession or for the preservation of the goods pledged.

Pawnee's right of retainer.

Pawnee not to retain for debt or promise other than that for which goods pledged.

Presumption in case of subsequent advances.

Pawnee's right as to extraordinary expenses incurred.

174. The pawnee shall not, in the absence of a contract to that effect, retain the goods pledged for any debt or promise other than the debt or promise for which they are pledged; but such contract, in the absence of anything to the contrary, shall be presumed in regard to subsequent advances made by the pawnee.

175. The pawnee is entitled to receive from the pawnor extraordinary expenses incurred by him for the preservation of the goods pledged.

176. If the pawnor makes default in payment of the debt, or performance, at the stipulated time, of the promise, in respect of which the goods were pledged, the pawnee may bring a suit against the pawnor upon the debt or promise, and retain the goods pledged as a collateral security; or he may sell the thing pledged, on giving the pawnor reasonable notice of the sale.

Pawnee's right where pawnor makes default.

If the proceeds of such sale are less than the amount due in respect of the debt or promise, the pawnor is still liable to pay the balance. If the proceeds of the sale are greater than the amount so due, the pawnee shall pay over the surplus to the pawnor.

177. If a time is stipulated for the payment of the debt, or performance of the promise, for which the pledge is made, and the pawnor makes default in payment of the debt or performance of the promise at the stipulated time, he may redeem the goods pledged at any subsequent time before the actual sale of them; but he must, in that case, pay, in addition, any expenses which have arisen from his default.

Defaulting pawnor's right to redeem.

178. A person who is in possession of any goods, or of any bill of lading, dock-warrant, warehouse-keeper's certificate, wharfinger's certificate, or warrant or order for delivery, or any other document of title to goods, may make a valid pledge of such goods or documents: Provided that the pawnee acts in good faith and under circumstances which are not such as to raise a reasonable presumption that the pawnor is acting improperly:

Pledge by possessor of goods or documentary title to goods.

Provided also that such goods or documents have not been obtained from their lawful owner, or from any person in lawful custody of them, by means of an offence or fraud.

Pledge where pledgor has only a limited interest.

179. Where a person pledges goods in which he has only a limited interest, the pledge is valid to the extent of that interest.

SUITS BY BAILEES OR BAILORS AGAINST WRONG-DOERS.

180. If a third person wrongfully deprives the bailee of the use or possession of the goods bailed, or does them any injury, the bailee is entitled to use such remedies as the owner might have used in the like case if no bailment had been made; and either the bailor or the bailee may bring a suit against a third person for such deprivation or injury.

Suits by bailor or bailee against wrong-doers.

Apportionment of relief or compensation obtained by such suits.

181. Whatever is obtained by way of relief or compensation in any such suit shall, as between the bailor and the bailee, be dealt with according to their respective interests.

CHAPTER X.

AGENCY.

APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORITY OF AGENTS.

182. An agent is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third persons. The person for whom such act is done, or who is so represented, is called the principal.

'Agent' and 'principal' defined.

Who may employ agent.

183. Any person who is of the age of majority according to the law to which he is subject, and who is of sound mind, may employ an agent.

184. As between the principal and third persons, any person may become an agent; but no person who is not of the age of majority and of sound mind
 Who may be an agent. can become an agent, so as to be responsible to his principal
 according to the provisions in that behalf herein contained.

Consideration not necessary.

185. No consideration is necessary to create an agency.

Agent's authority may be expressed or implied.

186. The authority of an agent may be express or implied.

187. An authority is said to be express when it is given by words spoken or written.
 Definitions of express An authority is said to be implied when it is to be inferred from the
 and implied authority. circumstances of the case; and things spoken or written, or the
 ordinary course of dealing, may be accounted circumstances of the case.

Illustration.

A owns a shop in Serampore, living himself in Calcutta, and visiting the shop occasionally. The shop is managed by B, and he is in the habit of ordering goods from C in the name of A for the purposes of the shop, and of paying for them out of A's funds with A's knowledge. B has an implied authority from A to order goods from C in the name of A for the purposes of the shop

Extent of agent's authority.

188. An agent, having an authority to do an act, has authority to do every lawful thing which is necessary in order to do such act.

An agent having an authority to carry on a business, has authority to do every lawful thing necessary for the purpose, or usually done in the course, of conducting such business.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is employed by B, residing in London, to recover at Bombay a debt due to B. A may adopt any legal process necessary for the purpose of recovering the debt, and may give a valid discharge for the same.

(b.) A constitutes B his agent to carry on his business of a ship-builder. B may purchase timber and other materials, and hire workmen, for the purpose of carrying on the business.

189. An agent has authority, in an emergency, to do all such acts for the purpose of protecting his principal from loss as would be done by a person of ordinary prudence in his own case under similar circumstances.

Agent's authority in an emergency.

Illustrations.

(a.) An agent for sale may have goods repaired if it be necessary.

(b.) A consigns provisions to B at Calcutta, with directions to send them immediately to C at Cuttack. B may sell the provisions at Calcutta, if they will not bear the journey to Cuttack without spoiling.

SUB-AGENTS.

190. An agent cannot lawfully employ another to perform acts which he has expressly or impliedly undertaken to perform personally, unless by the ordinary custom of trade a sub-agent may, or, from the nature of the agency, a sub-agent must, be employed.

'Sub-agent' defined.

191. A sub-agent is a person employed by, and acting under the control of, the original agent in the business of the agency.

192. Where a sub-agent is properly appointed, the principal is, so far as regards third persons, represented by the sub-agent, and is bound by and responsible for his acts, as if he were an agent originally appointed by the principal.

Representation of principal by sub-agent properly appointed.

The agent is responsible to the principal for the acts of the sub-agent:

Agent's responsibility for sub-agent.

The sub-agent is responsible for his acts to the agent, but not to the principal, except in cases of fraud or wilful wrong.

Sub-agent's responsibility.

193. Where an agent, without having authority to do so, has appointed a person to act as a sub-agent, the agent stands towards such person in the relation of a principal to an agent, and is responsible for his acts both to the principal and to third persons; the principal is not represented by or responsible for the acts of the person so employed, nor is that person responsible to the principal.

194. Where an agent, holding an express or implied authority to name another person to act for the principal in the business of the agency, has named another person accordingly, such person is not a sub-agent, but an agent of the principal for such part of the business of the agency as is entrusted to him.

Relation between principal and person duly appointed by agent to act in business of agency.

Illustrations.

(a.) A directs B, his solicitor, to sell his estate by auction, and to employ an auctioneer for the purpose. B names C, an auctioneer, to conduct the sale. C is not a sub-agent, but is A's agent for the conduct of the sale.

(b.) A authorizes B, a merchant in Calcutta, to recover the moneys due to A from C & Co. B instructs D, a solicitor, to take legal proceedings against C & Co. for the recovery of the money. D is not a sub-agent, but is solicitor for A.

195. In selecting such agent for his principal, an agent is bound to exercise the

Agent's duty in naming such person. same amount of discretion as a man of ordinary prudence would exercise in his own case; and, if he does this, he is not responsible to the principal for the acts or negligence of the agent so selected.

Illustrations.

(a.) A instructs B, a merchant, to buy a ship for him. B employs a ship-surveyor of good reputation to choose a ship for A. The surveyor makes the choice negligently and the ship turns out to be unseaworthy and is lost. B is not, but the surveyor is, responsible to A.

(b.) A consigns goods to B, a merchant, for sale. B, in due course, employs an auctioneer in good credit to sell the goods of A, and allows the auctioneer to receive the proceeds of the sale. The auctioneer afterwards becomes insolvent without having accounted for the proceeds. B is not responsible to A for the proceeds.

RATIFICATION.

Right of person as to acts done for him without his authority.

Effect of ratification.

Ratification may be expressed or implied.

196. Where acts are done by one person on behalf of another, but without his knowledge or authority, he may elect to ratify or to disown such acts. If he ratify them, the same effects will follow as if they had been performed by his authority.

197. Ratification may be expressed or may be implied in the conduct of the person on whose behalf the acts are done.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, without authority, buys goods for B. Afterwards B sells them to C on his own account; B's conduct implies a ratification of the purchase made for him by A.

(b.) A, without B's authority, lends B's money to C. Afterwards B accepts interest on the money from C. B's conduct implies a ratification of the loan.

Knowledge requisite to valid ratification.

198. No valid ratification can be made by a person, whose knowledge of the facts of the case is materially defective.

Effect of ratifying unauthorized act forming part of a transaction.

199. A person, ratifying any unauthorized act done on his behalf, ratifies the whole of the transaction, of which such act formed a part.

200. An act done by one person on behalf of another without such other person's

Ratification of unauthorized act cannot injure third person.

authority, which, if done with authority, would have the effect of subjecting a third person to damages, or of terminating any right or interest of a third person, cannot, by ratification, be made to

have such effect.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, not being authorized thereto by B, demands, on behalf of B, the delivery of a chattel, the property of B, from C who is in possession of it. This demand cannot be ratified by B, so as to make C liable for damages for his refusal to deliver.

(b.) A holds a lease from B, terminable on three months' notice. C, an unauthorized person, gives notice of termination to A. The notice cannot be ratified by B, so as to be binding on A.

REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY.

201. An agency is terminated by the principal revoking his authority; or by the

Termination of agency. agent renouncing the business of the agency; or by the business of the agency being completed; or by either the principal or agent

dying or becoming of unsound mind; or by the principal being adjudicated an insolvent under the provisions of any Act for the time being in force for the relief of insolvent debtors.

202. Where the agent has himself an interest in the property which forms the subject-matter of the agency, the agency cannot, in the absence of an express contract, be terminated to the prejudice of such interest.

Termination of agency, where agent has an interest in subject-matter.

Illustrations.

(a.) A gives authority to B to sell A's land, and to pay himself out of the proceeds the debts due to him from A. A cannot revoke this authority, nor can it be terminated by his insanity or death.

(b.) A consigns 1,000 bales of cotton to B, who has made advances to him on such cotton, and desires B to sell the cotton, and to repay himself out of the price the amount of his own advances. A cannot revoke this authority, nor is it terminated by his insanity or death.

203. The principal may, save as is otherwise provided by the last preceding section, revoke the authority given to his agent at any time before the authority has been exercised so as to bind the principal.

Revocation where authority has been partly exercised.

in the agency.

204. The principal cannot revoke the authority given to his agent after the authority has been partly exercised, so far as regards such acts and obligations as arise from acts already done

Illustrations.

(a.) A authorizes B to buy 1,000 bales of cotton on account of A, and to pay for it out of A's moneys remaining in B's hands. B buys 1,000 bales of cotton in his own name, so as to make himself personally liable for the price. A cannot revoke B's authority so far as regards payment for the cotton.

(b.) A authorizes B to buy 1,000 bales of cotton on account of A, and to pay for it out of A's moneys remaining in B's hands. B buys 1,000 bales of cotton in A's name, and so as not to render himself personally liable for the price. A can revoke B's authority to pay for the cotton.

205. Where there is an express or implied contract that the agency should be continued for any period of time, the principal must make compensation to the agent, or the agent to the principal, as the case may be, for any previous revocation or renunciation of the agency without sufficient cause.

Compensation for revocation by principal or renunciation by agent.

206. Reasonable notice must be given of such revocation or renunciation, otherwise the damage thereby resulting to the principal or the agent, as the case may be, must be made good to the one by the other.

Notice of revocation or renunciation.

Revocation and renunciation may be expressed or implied.

207. Revocation and renunciation may be expressed or may be implied in the conduct of the principal or agent respectively.

Illustration.

A empowers B to let A's house. Afterwards A lets it himself. This is an implied revocation of B's authority.

When termination of agent's authority takes effect as to agent and as to third persons.

208. The termination of the authority of an agent does not, so far as regards the agent, take effect before it becomes known to him, or, so far as regards third persons, before it becomes known to them.

Illustrations.

(a.) A directs B to sell goods for him, and agrees to give B five per cent. commission on the price fetched by the goods. A afterwards, by letter, revokes B's authority. B, after the letter is sent, but before he receives it, sells the goods for 100 rupees. The sale is binding on A, and B is entitled to five rupees as his commission.

(b.) A, at Madras, by letter, directs B to sell for him some cotton lying in a warehouse in Bombay, and afterwards, by letter, revokes his authority to sell, and directs B to send the cotton to Madras. B, after receiving the second letter, enters into a contract with C, who knows of the first letter, but not of the second, for the sale to him of the cotton. C pays B the money, with which B absconds. C's payment is good as against A.

(c.) A directs B, his agent, to pay certain money to C. A dies and D takes out probate to his will. B, after A's death, but before hearing of it, pays the money to C. The payment is good as against D, the executor.

209. When an agency is terminated by the principal dying or becoming of unsound mind, the agent is bound to take, on behalf of the representatives of his late principal, all reasonable steps for the protection and preservation of the interests entrusted to him.

Agent's duty on termination of agency by principal's death or insanity.

210. The termination of the authority of an agent causes the termination (subject to the rules herein contained regarding the termination of an agent's authority) of the authority of all sub-agents appointed by him.

Termination of sub-agent's authority.

AGENT'S DUTY TO PRINCIPAL.

211. An agent is bound to conduct the business of his principal according to the directions given by the principal, or, in the absence of any such directions, according to the custom which prevails in doing business of the same kind at the place where the agent conducts such business. When the agent acts otherwise, if any loss be sustained, he must make it good to his principal, and if any profit accrues, he must account for it.

Agent's duty in conducting principal's business.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, an agent, engaged in carrying on for B a business, in which it is the custom to invest from time to time at interest the moneys which may be in hand, omits to make such investment. A must make good to B the interest usually obtained by such investments.

(b.) B, a broker, in whose business it is not the custom to sell on credit, sells goods of A on credit to C, whose credit at the time was very high. C, before payment, becomes insolvent. B must make good the loss to A.

212. An agent is bound to conduct the business of the agency with as much skill as skill and diligence required from agent. is generally possessed by persons engaged in similar business, unless the principal has notice of his want of skill. The agent is always bound to act with reasonable diligence, and to use such skill as he possesses; and to make compensation to his principal in respect of the direct consequences of his own neglect, want of skill, or misconduct, but not in respect of loss or damage which are indirectly or remotely caused by such neglect, want of skill, or misconduct.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, a merchant in Calcutta, has an agent, B, in London, to whom a sum of money is paid on A's account, with orders to remit. B retains the money for a considerable time. A, in consequence of not receiving the money, becomes insolvent. B is liable for the money and interest from the day on which it ought to have been paid, according to the usual rate, and for any further direct loss—as, e. g., by variation of rate of exchange—but not further.

(b.) A, an agent for the sale of goods, having authority to sell on credit, sells to B, on credit, without making the proper and usual enquiries as to the solvency of B. B, at the time of sale, is insolvent. A must make compensation to his principal in respect of any loss thereby sustained.

(c.) A, an insurance broker, employed by B to effect an insurance on a ship, omits to see that the usual clauses are inserted in the policy. The ship is afterwards lost. In consequence of the omission of the clauses nothing can be recovered from the underwriters. A is bound to make good the loss to B.

(d.) A, a merchant in England, directs B, his agent at Bombay, who accepts the agency, to send him 100 bales of cotton by a certain ship. B, having it in his power to send the cotton, omits to do so. The ship arrives safely in England. Soon after her arrival the price of cotton rises. B is bound to make good to A the profit which he might have made by the 100 bales of cotton at the time the ship arrived, but not any profit he might have made by the subsequent rise.

Agent's accounts.

213. An agent is bound to render proper accounts to his principal on demand.

214. It is the duty of an agent, in cases of difficulty, to use all reasonable diligence in communicating with his principal, and in seeking to obtain his instructions.

Agent's duty to communicate with principal.

215. If an agent deals on his own account in the business of the agency, without first obtaining the consent of his principal and acquainting him with all material circumstances which have come to his own knowledge on the subject, the principal may repudiate the transaction, if the case show either that any material fact has been dishonestly concealed from him by the agent, or that the dealings of the agent have been disadvantageous to him.

Right of principal when agent deals on his own account in business of agency without principal's consent.

Illustrations.

(a.) A directs B to sell A's estate. B buys the estate for himself in the name of C. A, on discovering that B has bought the estate for himself, may repudiate the sale, if he can show that B has dishonestly concealed any material fact, or that the sale has been disadvantageous to him.

(b.) A directs B to sell A's estate. B, on looking over the estate before selling it, finds a mine on the estate which is unknown to A. B informs A that he wishes to buy the estate for himself, but conceals the discovery of the mine. A allows B to buy, in ignorance of the existence of the mine. A, on discovering that B knew of the mine at the time he bought the estate, may either repudiate or adopt the sale at his option.

Principal's right to benefit gained by agent dealing on his own account in business of agency.

216. If an agent, without the knowledge of his principal, deals in the business of the agency on his own account instead of on account of his principal, the principal is entitled to claim from the agent any benefit which may have resulted to him from the transaction.

Illustration.

A directs B, his agent, to buy a certain house for him. B tells A it cannot be bought, and buys the house for himself. A may, on discovering that B has bought the house, compel him to sell it to A at the price he gave for it.

217. An agent may retain, out of any sums received on account of the principal in the business of the agency, all moneys due to himself in respect of advances made or expenses properly incurred by him in conducting such business, and also such remuneration as may be payable to him for acting as agent.

Agent's right of retainer out of sums received on principal's account.

218. Subject to such deductions, the agent is bound to pay to his principal all sums received on his account.

219. In the absence of any special contract, payment for the performance of any act is not due to the agent until the completion of such act; but an agent may detain moneys received by him on account of goods sold, although the whole of the goods consigned to him for sale may not have been sold, or although the sale may not be actually complete.

When agent's remuneration becomes due.

Agent not entitled to remuneration for business misconducted.

220. An agent, who is guilty of misconduct in the business of the agency, is not entitled to any remuneration in respect of that part of the business which he has misconducted.

Illustrations. *

(a.) A employs B to recover 1,00,000 rupees from C, and to lay it out on good security. B recovers the 1,00,000 rupees and lays out 90,000 rupees on good security, but lays out 10,000 rupees on security which he ought to have known to be bad, whereby A loses 2,000 rupees. B is entitled to remuneration for recovering the 1,00,000 rupees and for investing the 90,000 rupees. He is not entitled to any remuneration for investing the 10,000 rupees, and he must make good the 2,000 rupees to B.

(b.) A employs B to recover 1,000 rupees from C. Through B's misconduct the money is not recovered. B is entitled to no remuneration for his services, and must make good the loss.

221. In the absence of any contract to the contrary, an agent is entitled to retain goods, papers, and other property, whether moveable or immoveable, of the principal received by him, until the amount due to himself for commission, disbursements, and services in respect of the same has been paid or accounted for to him.

Agent's lien on principal's goods and papers.

PRINCIPAL'S DUTY TO AGENT.

Agent to be indemnified against consequences of lawful acts.

222. The employer of an agent is bound to indemnify him against the consequences of all lawful acts done by such agent in exercise of the authority conferred upon him.

Illustrations.

(a.) B, at Singapore, under instructions from A of Calcutta, contracts with C to deliver certain goods to him. A does not send the goods to B, and C sues B for breach of contract. B

informs A of the suit, and A authorizes him to defend the suit. B defends the suit, and is compelled to pay damages and costs, and incurs expenses. A is liable to B for such damages, costs, and expenses.

(b.) B, a broker at Calcutta, by the orders of A, a merchant there, contracts with C for the purchase of 10 casks of oil for A. Afterwards A refuses to receive the oil, and C sues B. B informs A, who repudiates the contract altogether. B defends, but unsuccessfully, and has to pay damages and costs and incurs expenses. A is liable to B for such damages, costs, and expenses.

223. Where one person employs another to do an act, and the agent does the act in good faith, the employer is not liable to indemnify the agent against the consequences of that act, though it cause an injury to the rights of third persons.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, a decree-holder and entitled to execution of B's goods, requires the officer of the Court to seize certain goods representing them to be the goods of B. The officer seizes the goods, and is sued by C, the true owner of the goods. A is liable to indemnify the officer for the sum which he is compelled to pay to C, in consequence of obeying A's directions.

(b.) B, at the request of A, sells goods in the possession of A, but which A had no right to dispose of. B does not know this, and hands over the proceeds of the sale to A. Afterwards C, the true owner of the goods, sues B and recovers the value of the goods and costs. A is liable to indemnify B for what he has been compelled to pay to C, and for B's own expenses.

224. Where one person employs another to do an act, which is criminal, the employer is not liable to the agent, either upon an express or an implied promise, to indemnify him against the consequences of that act.

Illustrations.

(a.) A employs B to beat C, and agrees to indemnify him against all consequences of the act. B thereupon beats C, and has to pay damages to C for so doing. A is not liable to indemnify B for those damages.

(b.) B, the proprietor of a newspaper, publishes, at A's request, a libel upon C in the paper, and A agrees to indemnify B against the consequences of the publication, and all costs and damages of any action in respect thereof. B is sued by C and has to pay damages and also incurs expenses. A is not liable to B upon the indemnity.

Compensation to agent for injury caused by principal's neglect.

225. The principal must make compensation to his agent in respect of injury caused to such agent by the principal's neglect or want of skill.

Illustration.

A employs B as a bricklayer in building a house, and puts up the scaffolding himself. The scaffolding is unskilfully put up, and B is in consequence hurt. A must make compensation to B.

EFFECT OF AGENCY ON CONTRACTS WITH THIRD PERSONS.

Enforcement and consequences of agent's contracts.

226. Contracts entered into through an agent, and obligations arising from acts done by an agent, may be enforced in the same manner, and will have the same legal consequences, as if the contracts had been entered into and the acts done by the principal in person.

Illustrations.

(a.) A buys goods from B, knowing that he is an agent for their sale, but not knowing who is the principal. B's principal is the person entitled to claim from A the price of the goods, and A cannot, in a suit by the principal, set off against that claim a debt due to himself from B.

(b.) A, being B's agent with authority to receive money on his behalf, receives from C a sum of money due to B. C is discharged of his obligation to pay the sum in question to B.

227. When an agent does more than he is authorized to do, and when the part of what he does, which is within his authority, can be separated from the part, which is beyond his authority, so much only of what he does as is within his authority is binding as between him and his principal.

Principal how far bound when agent exceeds authority.

Illustration.

A being owner of a ship and cargo, authorizes B to procure an insurance for 4,000 rupees on the ship. B procures a policy for 4,000 rupees on the ship, and another for the like sum on the cargo. A is bound to pay the premium for the policy on the ship, but not the premium for the policy on the cargo.

Principal not bound when excess of agent's authority is not separable. recognize the transaction.

228. Where an agent does more than he is authorized to do, and what he does beyond the scope of his authority cannot be separated from what is within it, the principal is not bound to

Illustration.

A authorizes B to buy 500 sheep for him. B buys 500 sheep and 200 lambs for one sum of 6,000 rupees. A may repudiate the whole transaction.

229. Any notice given to or information obtained by the agent, provided it be given or obtained in the course of the business transacted by him for the principal, shall, as between the principal and third parties, have the same legal consequence as if it had been given to or obtained by the principal.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is employed by B to buy from C certain goods, of which C is the apparent owner, and buys them accordingly. In the course of the treaty for the sale, A learns that the goods really belonged to D, but B is ignorant of that fact. B is not entitled to set-off a debt owing to him from C against the price of the goods.

(b.) A is employed by B to buy from C goods of which C is the apparent owner. A was, before he was so employed, a servant of C, and then learnt that the goods really belonged to D, but B is ignorant of that fact. In spite of the knowledge of his agent, B may set-off against the price of the goods a debt owing to him from C.

Agent cannot personally enforce, nor be bound by, contracts on behalf of principal.

Presumption of contract to contrary.

230. In the absence of any contract to that effect, an agent cannot personally enforce contracts entered into by him on behalf of his principal, nor is he personally bound by them.

Such a contract shall be presumed to exist in the following cases:—

- (1.) Where the contract is made by an agent for the sale or purchase of goods for a merchant resident abroad :
- (2.) Where the agent does not disclose the name of his principal :
- (3.) Where the principal, though disclosed, cannot be sued.

231. If an agent makes a contract with a person who neither knows, nor has reason to suspect, that he is an agent, his principal may require the performance of the contract ; but the other contracting party has, as against the principal, the same rights as he would have had as against the agent if the agent had been principal.

If the principal discloses himself before the contract is completed, the other contracting party may refuse to fulfil the contract, if he can show that, if he had known who was the principal in the contract, or if he had known that the agent was not a principal, he would not have entered into the contract.

232. Where one man makes a contract with another, neither knowing nor having reasonable ground to suspect that the other is an agent, the principal, if he requires the performance of the contract can only obtain such performance subject to the rights and obligations subsisting between the agent and the other party to the contract.

Illustration.

A, who owes 500 rupees to B, sells 1,000 rupees' worth of rice to B. A is acting as agent for C in the transaction, but B has no knowledge nor reasonable ground of suspicion that such is the case. C cannot compel B to take the rice without allowing him to set-off A's debt.

Right of person dealing with agent personally liable.

233. In cases where the agent is personally liable, a person dealing with him may hold either him or his principal, or both of them, liable.

Illustration.

A enters into a contract with B to sell him 100 bales of cotton, and afterwards discovers that B was acting as agent for C. A may sue either B or C, or both, for the price of the cotton.

Consequence of inducing agent or principal to act on belief that principal or agent will be held exclusively liable.

234. When a person who has made a contract with an agent induces the agent to act upon the belief that the principal only will be held liable, or induces the principal to act upon the belief that the agent only will be held liable, he cannot afterwards hold liable the agent or principal respectively.

235. A person untruly representing himself to be the authorized agent of another, and thereby inducing a third person to deal with him as such agent, is liable, if his alleged employer does not ratify his acts, to make compensation to the other in respect of any loss or damage which he has incurred by so dealing.

Person falsely contracting as agent, not entitled to performance.

236. A person, with whom a contract has been entered into in the character of agent, is not entitled to require the performance of it, if he was in reality acting, not as agent, but on his own account.

237. When an agent has, without authority, done acts or incurred obligations to third persons on behalf of his principal, the principal is bound by such acts or obligations if he has by his words or conduct induced such third persons to believe that such acts and obligations were within the scope of the agent's authority.

Liability of principal inducing belief that agent's unauthorized acts were authorized.

(a.) A consigns goods to B for sale, and gives him instructions not to sell under a fixed price. B, being ignorant of B's instructions, enters into a contract with B to buy the goods at a price lower than the reserved price. A is bound by the contract.

(b.) A entrusts B with negotiable instruments endorsed in blank. B sells them to C in violation of private orders from A. The sale is good.

238. Misrepresentations made, or frauds committed, by agents acting in the course of their business for their principals, have the same effect on agreements made by such agents as if such misrepresentations or fraud had been made or committed by the principals; but misrepresentations made, or frauds committed, by agents, in matters which do not fall within their authority, do not affect their principals.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, being B's agent for the sale of goods, induces C to buy them by a misrepresentation, which he was not authorized by B to make. The contract is voidable, as between B and C, at the option of C.

(b.) A, the Captain of B's ship, signs bills of lading without having received on board the goods mentioned therein. The bills of lading are void as between B and the pretended consignor.

CHAPTER XI.

OF PARTNERSHIP.

239. 'Partnership' is the relation which subsists between persons who have agreed to combine their property, labour, or skill in some business, and to share the profits thereof between them.

Persons who have entered into partnership with one another are called collectively a 'firm.'

'Partnership' defined.

'Firm' defined.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B buy 100 bales of cotton, which they agree to sell for their joint account; A and B are partners in respect of such cotton.

(b.) A and B buy 100 bales of cotton, agreeing to share it between them. A and B are not partners.

(c.) A agrees with B, a goldsmith, to buy and furnish gold to B, to be worked up by him and sold, and that they shall share in the resulting profit or loss. A and B are partners.

(d.) A and B agree to work together as carpenters, but that A shall receive all profits, and shall pay wages to B. A and B are not partners.

(e.) A and B are joint owners of a ship. This circumstance does not make them partners.

240. A loan to a person engaged or about to engage in any trade or undertaking, upon a contract with such person that the lender shall receive interest at a rate varying with the profits, or that he shall receive a share of the profits, does not, of itself, constitute the lender a partner, or render him responsible as such.

Lender not a partner by advancing money for share of profits.

Property left in business by retiring partner or deceased partner's representative.

241. In the absence of any contract to the contrary, property left by a retiring partner, or the representative of a deceased partner, to be used in the business, is to be considered a loan within the meaning of the last preceding section.

242. No contract for the remuneration of a servant or agent of any person, engaged in any trade or undertaking, by a share of the profits of such trade or undertaking shall, of itself, render such servant or agent responsible as a partner therein, nor give him the rights of a partner.

Servant or agent remunerated by share of profits, not a partner.

243. No person, being a widow or child of a deceased partner of a trader, and receiving, by way of annuity, a proportion of the profits made by such trader in his business, shall, by reason only of such receipt, be deemed to be a partner of such trader, or be subject to any liabilities incurred by him.

Widow or child of deceased partner receiving annuity out of profits, not a partner.

244. No person receiving, by way of annuity or otherwise, a portion of the profits of any business, in consideration of the sale by him of the goodwill of such business, shall, by reason only of such receipt, be deemed to be a partner of the person carrying on such business, or be subject to his liabilities.

Person receiving portion of profits for sale of goodwill, not a partner.

Responsibility of person leading another to believe him a partner.

245. A person who has, by words spoken or written, or by his conduct, led another to believe that he is a partner in a particular firm, is responsible to him as a partner in such firm.

Liability of person permitting himself to be represented as a partner.

246. Any one, consenting to allow himself to be represented as a partner, is liable, as such, to third persons who, on the faith thereof, give credit to the partnership.

Liability of person permitting himself to be represented as a partner.

Minor partner not personally liable, but his share is.

247. A person, who is under the age of majority according to the law to which he is subject, may be admitted to the benefits of partnership, but cannot be made personally liable for any obligation of the firm; but the share of such minor in the property of the firm is liable for the obligations of the firm.

248. A person, who has been admitted to the benefits of partnership under the age of majority, becomes, on attaining that age, liable for all obligations incurred by the partnership since he was so admitted, unless he gives public notice within a reasonable time of his repudiation of the partnership.

Liability of minor partner on attaining majority.

249. Every partner is liable for all debts and obligations incurred while he is a partner in the usual course of business by or on behalf of the partnership; but a person who is admitted as a partner into an existing firm does not thereby become liable to the creditors of such firm for anything done before he became a partner.

Partner's liability for debts of partnership.

Partner's liability to third person for neglect or fraud of co-partner.

250. Every partner is liable to make compensation to third persons in respect of loss or damage arising from the neglect or fraud of any partner in the management of the business of the firm.

251. Each partner, who does any act necessary for or usually done in carrying on the business of such a partnership as that of which he is a member, binds his co-partners to the same extent as if he were their agent duly appointed for that purpose.

Partner's power to bind co-partners.

Exception.—If it has been agreed between the partners that any restriction shall be placed upon the power of any one of them, no act done in contravention of such agreement shall bind the firm with respect to persons having notice of such agreement.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B trade in partnership, A residing in England and B in India. A draws a bill of exchange in the name of the firm. B has no notice of the bill, nor is he at all interested in the transaction. The firm is liable on the bill, provided the holder did not know of the circumstances under which the bill was drawn.

(b.) A, being one of a firm of solicitors and attorneys, draws a bill of exchange in the name of the firm without authority. The other partners are not liable on the bill.

(c.) A and B carry on business in partnership as bankers. A sum of money is received by A on behalf of the firm. A does not inform B of such receipt, and afterwards A appropriates the money to his own use. The partnership is liable to make good the money.

(d.) A and B are partners. A, with the intention of cheating B, goes to a shop and purchases articles on behalf of the firm, such as might be used in the ordinary course of the partnership business, and converts them to his own separate use, there being no collusion between him and the seller. The firm is liable for the price of the goods.

252. Where partners have by contract regulated and defined, as between themselves, their rights and obligations, such contract can be annulled or altered only by consent of all of them, which consent must either be expressed or be implied from a uniform course of dealing.

Illustration.

A, B, and C, intending to enter into partnership execute written articles of agreement, by which it is stipulated that the net profits arising from the partnership business shall be equally divided between them. Afterwards they carry on the partnership business for many years, A receiving one-half of the net profits, and the other half being divided equally between B and C. All parties know of and acquiesce in this arrangement. This course of dealing supersedes the provision in the articles as to the division of profits.

Rules determining partners' mutual relations, where no contract to contrary.

253. In the absence of any contract to the contrary, the relations of partners to each other are determined by the following rules :—

- (1.) All partners are joint-owners of all property originally brought into the partnership stock, or bought with money belonging to the partnership, or acquired for purposes of the partnership business. All such property is called partnership property. The share of each partner in the partnership property is the value of his original contribution, increased or diminished by his share of profit or loss:
- (2.) All partners are entitled to share equally in the profits of the partnership business, and must contribute equally towards the losses sustained by the partnership:
- (3.) Each partner has a right to take part in the management of the partnership business:
- (4.) Each partner is bound to attend diligently to the business of the partnership, and is not entitled to any remuneration for acting in such business:
- (5.) When differences arise as to ordinary matters connected with the partnership business, the decision shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the partners; but no change in the nature of the business of the partnership can be made, except with the consent of all the partners:
- (6.) No person can introduce a new partner into a firm without the consent of all the partners:
- (7.) If, from any cause whatsoever, any member of a partnership ceases to be so, the partnership is dissolved as between all the other members:
- (8.) Unless the partnership has been entered into for a fixed term, any partner may retire from it at any time:
- (9.) Where a partnership has been entered into for a fixed term, no partner can, during such term, retire, except with the consent of all the partners, nor can he be expelled by his partners, for any cause whatever, except by order of Court:
- (10.) Partnerships, whether entered into for a fixed term or not, are dissolved by the death of any partner.

When Court may dissolve partnership.

254. At the suit of a partner the Court may dissolve the partnership in the following cases :—

- (1.) When a partner becomes of unsound mind:
- (2.) When a partner, other than the partner suing, has been adjudicated an insolvent under any law relating to insolvent debtors:
- (3.) When a partner, other than the partner suing, has done any act by which the whole interest of such partner is legally transferred to a third person:
- (4.) When any partner becomes incapable of performing his part of the partnership contract:
- (5.) When a partner, other than the partner suing, is guilty of gross misconduct in the affairs of the partnership or towards his partners:
- (6.) When the business of the partnership can only be carried on at a loss.

Dissolution of partnership by prohibition of business.

255. A partnership is in all cases dissolved by its business being prohibited by law.

Rights and obligations of partners in partnership continued after expiry of term for which it was entered into.

256. If a partnership, entered into for a fixed term, be continued after such term has expired, the rights and obligations of the partners will, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, remain the same as they were at the expiration of the term, so far as such rights and obligations can be applied to a partnership dissolvable at

the will of any partner.

257. Partners are bound to carry on the business of the partnership for the greatest common advantage, to be just and faithful to each other, and to render true accounts and full information of all things affecting the partnership to any partner or his legal representatives.

Account, to firm, of benefit derived from transaction affecting partnership.

258. A partner must account to the firm for any benefit derived from a transaction affecting the partnership.

Illustrations.

(a.) A, B, and C are partners in trade. C, without the knowledge of A and B, obtains for his own sole benefit a lease of the house in which the partnership business is carried on. A and B are entitled to participate, if they please, in the benefit of the lease.

(b.) A, B, and C carry on business together in partnership as merchants trading between Bombay and London. D, a merchant in London to whom they make their consignments, secretly allows C a share of the commission which he receives upon such consignments, in consideration of C's using his influence to obtain the consignments for him. C is liable to account to the firm for the money so received by him.

259. If a partner, without the knowledge and consent of the other partners, carries on any business competing or interfering with that of the firm, he must account to the firm for all profits made in such business, and must make compensation to the firm for any loss occasioned thereby.

260. A continuing guarantee, given either to a firm or to a third person, in respect of the transactions of a firm, is, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, revoked as to future transactions by any change in the constitutions of the firm to which, or in respect of the transactions of which, such guarantee was given.

Non-liability of deceased partner's estate for subsequent obligations.

261. The estate of a partner who has died is not, in the absence of an express agreement, liable in respect of any obligation incurred by the firm after his death.

262. Where there are joint debts due from the partnership, and also separate debts due from any partner, the partnership property must be applied in the first instance in payment of the debts of the firm, and if there is any surplus, then the share of each partner must be applied in payment of his separate debts or paid to him. The separate property of any partner must be applied first in the payment of his separate debts, and the surplus (if any) in the payment of the debts of the firm.

Continuance of partners' rights and obligations after dissolution.

263. After a dissolution of partnership, the rights and obligations of the partners continue in all things necessary for winding-up the business of the partnership.

264. Persons dealing with a firm will not be affected by a dissolution, of which no public notice has been given, unless they themselves had notice of such dissolution.

265. In the absence of any contract to the contrary, after the termination of a partnership, each partner or his representatives may apply to the Court to wind-up the business of the firm, to provide for the payment of its debts, and to distribute the surplus according to the shares of the partners respectively.

Explanation.—The Court in this section means a Court not inferior to the Court of a District Judge within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the place or principal place of business of the firm is situated.

Limited-liability partnerships, incorporated partnerships, and joint-stock companies.

266. Extraordinary partnerships, such as partnerships with limited liability, incorporated partnerships, and joint-stock companies, shall be regulated by the law for the time being in force relating thereto.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Statutes.

No. and Year of Statute.	TITLE.	Extent of Repeal.
Stat. 29 Car. 2, cap. 3.	An Act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries.	Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 17.
Stat. 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21.	To consolidate and amend the law relating to insolvent debtors in India.	Section 42.

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ACT NO. X OF 1872.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 25th April 1872.

An Act for regulating the Procedure of the Courts of Criminal Judicature.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law regulating the Procedure of the Courts of Criminal Judicature, other than the High Courts in Presidency towns in the exercise of their original criminal jurisdiction, and the Courts of Police Magistrates in such towns ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

PART I.

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY, REPEAL, LOCAL EXTENT, AND DEFINITIONS.

Short title. 1. This Act may be called "The Code of Criminal Procedure."

Local extent. It extends to the whole of British India, but shall not, except as hereinafter provided, affect the procedure of the High Courts or Police

Magistrates in Presidency towns ;

Commencement. And it shall come into force on the first day of September 1872.

Repeal of enactments. 2. The enactments mentioned in the first schedule hereto annexed, are repealed to the extent specified in the third column of the said schedule.

Wherever a special form of procedure is prescribed by any law not expressly repealed in the first schedule to this Act, it shall not be deemed to have been impliedly repealed by reason of its being inconsistent with the provisions of this Code.

References to Code of Criminal Procedure. In every Act passed before this Act, in which reference is made to the Code of Criminal Procedure, such reference shall be taken to be made to this Act.

References in former Acts. In every Act passed before this Act, the expressions "Officer exercising the powers of a Magistrate," "Subordinate Magistrate, first class," and "Subordinate Magistrate, second class," shall, respectively, be deemed to mean "Magistrate of the first class," "Magistrate of the second class," and "Magistrate of the third class," as defined in this Act.

Certain specified references. The references made in the enactments specified in column one of the fifth schedule hereto to the sections of the former Code of Criminal Procedure specified in column two of the said schedule, shall be deemed to be made to the sections of this Code directed in the third column of the said schedule to be substituted for the said sections in column two.

Notifications published and orders made under any section of any Act hereby repealed, shall be deemed to have been published and made under the corresponding section of this Act.

3. Cases pending in any Criminal Court when this Act comes into force shall be decided as far as may be according to the procedure provided in this Act.

Definitions.

"Special law."

"Local law."

"Investigation."

"Inquiry."

"Inquired into."

"Trial."

4. In this Act the following words and expressions have the following meanings, unless a different intention appears from the context :—

"Special law" means a law applicable to a particular subject.

"Local law" means a law applicable to a particular part of British India.

"Investigation" includes all the proceedings by the Police, authorized by this Act, for the collection of evidence.

"Inquiry" includes any inquiry which may be conducted by a Magistrate or Court under this Act.

"Inquired into" means and includes every proceeding preliminary to trial.

"Trial" means the proceedings taken in Court after a charge has been drawn up, and includes the punishment of the offender.

It includes the proceedings under Chapters XVI and XVIII from the time when the accused appears in Court.

"Judicial proceeding" means any proceeding in the course of which evidence is or may be taken, or in which any judgment, sentence, or final order is passed on recorded evidence.

"Written" includes "printed," "lithographed," "photographed," and "engraved."

"Criminal Court" means and includes every Judge or Magistrate, or body of Judges or Magistrates, inquiring into or trying any criminal case or engaged in any judicial proceeding.

"Province" means the territories under the Government or Administration of any Local Government.

"Presidency town" means the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Courts of Calcutta, Madras, or Bombay.

"High Court" means, in reference to proceedings against European British subjects, or persons jointly charged with European British subjects, the High Courts of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, the High Court for the North-Western Provinces, and the Chief Court of the Punjab.

In other cases "High Court" means the highest Court of Criminal Appeal or Revision in any province.

"Session case" means and includes all cases specified in column 7 of the fourth schedule to this Act as cases triable by a Court of Session, and all cases which Magistrates commit to a Court of Session, although they might have tried them themselves:

In the case of offences created by special and local laws, "Session case" means cases which are triable by the Court of Session or which the Magistrate commits to the Court of Session, though he might have tried them himself.

"Magistrate's case" means and includes all cases specified in column 7 of the fourth schedule to this Act as cases triable by Magistrates and all cases which Magistrates try themselves, although they might have committed them for trial to a Court of Session.

"Cognizable offence or case" means an offence for or a case in which a Police officer may, by any law in force for the time being, arrest without warrant.

"Non-cognizable offence or case" means an offence for or a case in which a Police officer may not arrest without warrant.

"Summons case" means an offence of the class described in section one hundred and forty-eight.

"Warrant case" means an offence of the class described in section one hundred and forty-nine.

"Bailable offence or case."

"Bailable offence or case" means an offence for or a case in which bail may be taken under the fourth schedule to this Act, or by any other law in force for the time being.

"Non-bailable offence or case."

"Non-bailable offence or case" means an offence for or a case in which bail may not be taken under the fourth schedule to this Act, or by any law in force for the time being.

PART II.

CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

CHAPTER II.

OF CRIMINAL COURTS.

Grades of Criminal Courts.

5. Besides the High Courts, there shall be four grades of Criminal Courts in British India—

I.—The Court of the Magistrate of the 3rd class.

II.—The Court of the Magistrate of the 2nd class.

III.—The Court of the Magistrate of the 1st class.

IV.—The Court of Session.

What Officers to hold inquiries.

6. All inquiries by Magistrates shall be held according to the provisions hereinafter contained.

7. All criminal trials in British India shall be held before the Courts specified in the fourth schedule to this Act, or before the Courts specified in any law by which the offence is created, according to the provisions hereinafter contained.

What Courts to try offences.

8. Offences punishable under any law, other than the Indian Penal Code, containing no distinct provision as to the Court or Officer before which or before whom they are to be tried, may be inquired into and tried, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, by the Criminal Courts appointed under this Act. But no such Court shall award any sentence in excess of its powers.

Offences under local and special laws.

A Magistrate of the third class shall not try any such offence unless it is punishable with less than one year's imprisonment, nor shall a Magistrate of the second class try any such offence unless it is punishable with less than three years' imprisonment.

9. All Judges of Criminal Courts, other than the High Courts, and Magistrates shall be appointed and may be removed by the Local Government; but such officers as are now appointed or removed by the Government of India shall continue to be so appointed or removed.

Appointment and removal of Judges and Magistrates.

Saving of existing incumbents.

10. All existing Judges and Magistrates shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Act.

11. Offences committed by European British subjects shall be inquired into and tried according to the provisions of Chapter VII, and not otherwise; but the other provisions of this Act shall apply to all persons without distinction of race unless a contrary intention is expressed.

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Existing local jurisdictions of Sessions Courts to be Sessions Divisions.

14. The existing local jurisdictions of Courts of Session shall be Sessions Divisions, unless and until they are so altered.

One Court for each Division.

15. There shall be a Court of Session in every Sessions Division.

It shall have power to try any offence and to pass upon any offender any sentence authorized by law, subject to the provisions of this Act.

16. There shall be a Sessions Judge for every Sessions Division. The Sessions Judge shall exercise all the powers of the Court of Session in his Sessions Division.

Appointment and powers of Sessions Judges.

17. The Local Government may appoint Additional Sessions Judges or Joint Sessions Judges who shall exercise all the powers of a Court of Session in one or more Sessions Divisions in which they may be directed to act, but shall try such cases only as the Local Government directs them to try, or as the Sessions Judge of the Division makes over to them for trial.

Appointment and powers of Additional and Joint Sessions Judges.

18. The Local Government may also appoint Assistant Sessions Judges who shall exercise all the powers of a Court of Session in the Sessions Division to which they may be attached, except the power of hearing appeals, and of passing sentences of death, or transportation, or imprisonment for more than seven years; but they shall try those cases only which the Sessions Judge of the Sessions Division makes over to them either by general orders or by a special order.

Appointment and powers of Assistant Sessions Judges.

Any sentence of more than three years' imprisonment passed by an Assistant Sessions Judge shall be subject to confirmation by the Sessions Judge. The Sessions Judge may either confirm, modify, or annul such sentence of the Assistant Sessions Judge.

CHAPTER IV.

OF MAGISTRATES AND THEIR POWERS.

19. Magistrates shall be either—

Magistrates to be of three classes.

Magistrates of the 1st class,
Magistrates of the 2nd class, or
Magistrates of the 3rd class.

Sentences which Magistrates may pass.

20. The powers of Magistrates in respect to the trial of offences and to passing sentences on persons convicted of them are as follows—

Powers of Magistrates, first class.

Magistrates of the first class may pass the following sentences—

Imprisonment not exceeding the term of two years (including such solitary confinement as is authorized by law);

Fine to the extent of one thousand rupees;

Whipping.

Powers of Magistrates, second class.

Magistrates of the second class may pass the following sentences:—

Imprisonment not exceeding six months (including such solitary confinement as is authorized by law);

Fine not exceeding two hundred rupees;

Whipping.

Powers of Magistrates, third class.

Magistrates of the third class may pass the following sentences:—

Imprisonment not exceeding one month;

Fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

A Magistrate of the third class may not pass a sentence of solitary confinement, or of whipping.

Any Magistrate may pass any lawful sentence, combining any of the sentences which he is authorized by law to pass.

EXPLANATION.—A Magistrate may award imprisonment in default of payment of fine in addition to the full term of imprisonment which, under this section, he is competent to award.

Powers conferred upon Magistrates.

21. In addition to the powers given in section twenty, the following powers are conferred, as hereinafter provided, upon Magistrates by this Act:—

- (1.) Power to make over cases to a Subordinate Magistrate (s. 44).
- (2.) Power to pass a sentence on proceedings recorded by a Subordinate Magistrate (s. 46).
- (3.) Power to withdraw cases and to try or refer them for trial (s. 47).
- (4.) Power to withdraw or refer appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the 2nd and third classes (s. 47).
- (5.) Power to arrest an accused person found in Court (s. 104).
- (6.) Power to order the Police to investigate an offence (s. 110).
- (7.) Power to record confessions or statements during a Police investigation (s. 122.)
- (8.) Power to authorize detention of a person during a Police investigation (s. 124).
- (9.) Power to hold an inquest (s. 135).
- (10.) Power to entertain complaints and receive Police reports (s. 141).
- (11.) Power to entertain cases without complaint (s. 142).
- (12.) Power to commit for trial (s. 143).
- (13.) Power to issue process for person within jurisdiction who has committed an offence outside Magistrate's local jurisdiction (s. 157).
- (14.) Power to direct warrant to landholder (s. 162).
- (15.) Power to arrest offender in presence of Magistrate (s. 166).
- (16.) Power to endorse warrant, or to order the removal of an accused person arrested under a warrant (ss. 168 and 170).
- (17.) Power to issue proclamation in cases judicially before him (ss. 171 and 353).
- (18.) Power to attach and sell property in cases judicially before him (ss. 172 and 354).
- (19.) Power to try summarily (s. 222).
- (20.) Power to hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the 2nd and 3rd classes (s. 266).
- (21.) Power to call for proceedings (ss. 295 and 296).
- (22.) Power to quash convictions in certain cases (s. 328).
- (23.) Power to issue a search-warrant for letter in Post Office (s. 369).
- (24.) Power to endorse a search-warrant and order delivery of thing found (ss. 372, 373, and 376).
- (25.) Power to issue search-warrant otherwise than in the course of an inquiry (s. 377).
- (26.) Power to revise bail orders (s. 398).
- (27.) Power to sell perishable property of a suspicious character (s. 415).
- (28.) Power to sell suspicious or stolen property (s. 417).
- (29.) Power to demand security to keep the peace (s. 491).
- (30.) Power to discharge recognizances to keep the peace (s. 500).
- (31.) Power to demand security for good behaviour (ss. 504 and 505).
- (32.) Power to discharge person bound to be of good behaviour (s. 511).
- (33.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c (s. 518).
- (34.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance (s. 519).
- (35.) Power to make orders, &c., in local nuisance cases (s. 521).
- (36.) Power to make orders, &c., in possession cases (s. 530).
- (37.) Power to make orders of maintenance (s. 536).

Powers common to all
Magistrates.

22. Magistrates of all classes shall, as such, have the following powers :—

- (1.) Power to arrest an accused person found in Court (s. 104).
- (2.) Power to record confessions or statements during a Police investigation (s. 122).
- (3.) Power to authorize detention of a person during a Police investigation (s. 124).
- (4.) Power to arrest offender in the presence of Magistrates (s. 166).
- (5.) Power to endorse warrant, or to order the removal of an accused person arrested under a warrant (ss. 168 and 170).
- (6.) Power to issue proclamation in cases judicially before him (ss. 171 and 353).
- (7.) Power to attach and sell property in cases judicially before him (ss. 172 and 354).

(8.) Power to endorse a search-warrant and order delivery of thing found (ss. 372, 373, and 376).

(9.) Power to sell perishable property of a suspicious character (s. 415).

Powers which Local Government and Magistrate of the District may confer on Magistrates of the third class.

23. In addition to the powers mentioned in section twenty-two, a Magistrate of the third class may be invested with the following powers:—

(a.) By the Local Government:—

(1.) Power to hold inquests (s. 135).

(2.) Power to entertain complaints of offences in cases in which he has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 141).

(3.) Power to commit for trial (s. 143).

(4.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c (s. 518).

(5.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance (s. 519).

(b.) By the Magistrate of the District.—

(1.) Power to hold inquests (s. 135).

(2.) Power to entertain complaints of offences in cases in which he has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 141).

(3.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c. (s. 518).

(4.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance (s. 519).

Powers of Magistrates of the second class.

24. Magistrates of the second class shall, as such, in addition to the powers mentioned in section twenty-two, have the following power:—

(1.) Power to order the Police to investigate an offence in which the Magistrate has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 110).

Powers which may be conferred on Magistrates of the second class.

25. In addition to the powers given and referred to in section twenty-four, a Magistrate of the second class may be invested with the following powers:—

(a.) By the Local Government—

(1.) Power to hold inquests (s. 135).

(2.) Power to entertain complaints and receive Police reports in cases in which he has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 141).

(3.) Power to entertain without complaint cases which he has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 142).

(4.) Power to commit for trial (s. 143).

(5.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c (s. 518).

(6.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance (s. 519).

(b.) By the Magistrate of the District—

(1.) Power to hold inquests (s. 135).

(2.) Power to entertain complaints and receive Police reports in cases in which he has jurisdiction to try or to commit for trial (s. 141).

(3.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c (s. 518).

(4.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance (s. 519).

Powers of Magistrates of the first class.

26. Magistrates of the first class shall, as such, in addition to the powers mentioned in sections twenty-two and twenty-four, have the following powers:—

(1.) Power to commit for trial (s. 143).

(2.) Power to issue search-warrant otherwise than in the course of an inquiry (s. 377).

(3.) Power to demand security to keep the peace (s. 491).

(4.) Power to demand security for good behaviour (ss. 504 and 505).

(5.) Power to make orders, &c., in possession cases (s. 530).

(6.) Power to make orders of maintenance (s. 536).

Powers which may be conferred on Magistrates of the first class.

27. In addition to the powers given and referred to in section twenty-six, a Magistrate of the first class may be invested with the following powers:—

(a.) By the Local Government—

(1.) Power to make over cases taken up on complaint, &c., to a Subordinate Magistrate (s. 44).

(2.) Power to hold inquests (s. 135).

- (3.) Power to entertain complaints of offences, and receive Police reports. (s. 141.)
- (4.) Power to entertain cases without complaint. (s. 142.)
- (5.) Power to issue process for person within jurisdiction who has committed an offence outside Magistrate's local jurisdiction. (s. 157.)
- (6.) Power to try summarily. (s. 222.)
- (7.) Power to hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the second and third classes. (s. 266.)
- (8.) Power to sell suspicious or stolen property. (s. 417.)
- (9.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c. (s. 518.)
- (10.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance. (s. 519.)
- (11.) Power to make orders, &c., in local nuisance cases. (s. 521.)

(b.) By the Magistrate of the District—

- (1.) Power to hold inquests. (s. 135.)
- (2.) Power to entertain complaints of offences, and receive Police reports. (s. 141.)
- (3.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c. (s. 518.)
- (4.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance. (s. 519.)

28. Magistrates who, under the provisions of section forty, are Magistrates of Divisions of Districts shall, as such, have all the powers given to Magistrates of the first class, and referred to in section twenty-six, and, in addition, shall have the following powers:—

- (1.) Power to make over cases to a Subordinate Magistrate. (s. 44.)
- (2.) Power to pass sentence on proceedings recorded by a Subordinate Magistrate. (s. 46.)
- (3.) Power to withdraw cases but not appeals, and to try or refer them for trial. (s. 47.)
- (4.) Power to hold inquests. (s. 135.)
- (5.) Power to entertain complaints of offences, and receive Police reports. (s. 141.)
- (6.) Power to entertain cases without complaint. (s. 142.)
- (7.) Power to issue process for person within jurisdiction who has committed an offence outside Magistrate's local jurisdiction. (s. 157.)
- (8.) Power to sell suspicious or stolen property. (s. 417.)
- (9.) Power to issue order to prevent obstruction, &c. (s. 518.)
- (10.) Power to issue order prohibiting repetition of nuisance. (s. 519.)
- (11.) Power to make orders in local nuisance cases. (s. 521.)

Provided that, if a Magistrate of a Division of a District exercise the powers of a Magistrate of the second class, he shall not have power to demand security to be of good behaviour.

Powers which Local Government may confer on Magistrates of Divisions of Districts.

29. In addition to the powers given and referred to in section twenty-eight, the Local Government may confer on a Magistrate of a Division of a District, exercising the powers of a Magistrate of the first class, the following powers:—

- (1.) Power to try summarily. (s. 222.)
- (2.) Power to hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the second and third classes. (s. 266.)

Powers of Magistrates of Districts.

30. Magistrates of Districts may, as such, exercise all the powers mentioned in section twenty-one.

Saving of other powers.

31. All other powers given by this Act or by any other law in force may be exercised by the officers or Courts to whom or to which they are given.

Irregularities which do not vitiate proceedings.

32. If any Magistrate, not being empowered by law in that behalf, does any one of the following things:—

- (1) If he makes over a case, taken up on complaint, &c., to another Magistrate,
- (2) If he withdraws a case and tries it himself, or refers a case for trial,
- (3) If he orders the Police to investigate an offence,
- (4) If he holds an inquest,
- (5) If he entertains a complaint or receives a Police report,
- (6) If he issues process for the apprehension of a person within his local jurisdiction who has committed an offence outside his local jurisdiction,
- (7) If he issues a search-warrant otherwise than in the course of an inquiry, his proceedings shall not be set aside on the ground that he was not so empowered.

33. If any Magistrate, not being empowered by law, commits an accused person to take his trial before a Court of Session or High Court, the Court to which the commitment was made may, after perusal of the proceedings, accept the commitment if it considers that the accused person has not been prejudiced, unless the accused person has objected to the jurisdiction of the committing Magistrate during the enquiry and before the order of commitment.

If such Court considers that the accused person was prejudiced, or if he objected to the jurisdiction of the committing Magistrate during the enquiry, and before the order of commitment, it shall quash the commitment, and direct a fresh enquiry by a competent Magistrate.

Irregularities which render proceedings void.

34. If any Magistrate, not being empowered by law in that behalf, does any of the following things, his proceedings shall be void, that is to say :—

- (1) If he passes a sentence on proceedings recorded by another Magistrate,
- (2) If he entertains a case without complaint,
- (3) If he attaches and sells property under section 172,
- (4) If he tries an offender summarily,
- (5) If he decides an appeal,
- (6) If he calls for proceedings,
- (7) If he issues a search-warrant for a letter in the Post Office,
- (8) If he revises a bail order,
- (9) If he sells suspicious or stolen property under section 417,
- (10) If he demands security to keep the peace,
- (11) If he discharges recognizances to keep the peace,
- (12) If he demands security for good behaviour,
- (13) If he discharges a person lawfully bound to be of good behaviour,
- (14) If he makes an order in a local nuisance case,
- (15) If he issues an order to prevent an obstruction,
- (16) If he prohibits the repetition of a nuisance,
- (17) If he makes an order in a possession case, or
- (18) If he makes an order for maintenance.

THE MAGISTRATE OF THE DISTRICT.

35. In every district there shall be a Magistrate of the first class appointed by the Local Government who shall be called the Magistrate of the District and shall exercise throughout his district all the powers of a Magistrate.

36. In the territories subject to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab and in the territories administered by the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, the Central Provinces, and British Burma, in Coorg, and in those parts of the other provinces in which there are Deputy Commissioners or Assistant Commissioners, the Local Government may invest the Deputy Commissioner, or other chief officer charged with the executive administration of the district in criminal matters, with power to try as a Magistrate all offences not punishable with death, and to pass sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years, including such solitary confinement as is authorized by law, or of fine, or of whipping, or any combination of these punishments authorized by law; but any sentence of upwards of three years' imprisonment passed by any such officer shall be subject to the confirmation of the Sessions Judge to whom such Deputy Commissioner is subordinate. Such Sessions Judge may either confirm, modify, or annul any sentence referred for confirmation.

SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES.

37. The Local Government may appoint as many other persons besides the Magistrate of the District, as it thinks fit, to be Magistrates of the first, second, or third class in the District.

All such Magistrates shall be subordinate to the Magistrate of the District, but neither the Magistrate of the District nor the Subordinate Magistrates shall be subordinate to the Sessions Judge except to the extent and in the manner provided by this Act.

. The Local Government shall not have power to direct that any Magistrate may try any offence which Magistrates of his class are not authorized to try, or pass any sentence which Magistrates of his class are not authorized to pass by section twenty.

Proviso.

Power to determine local jurisdiction of a Magistrate of District.

Division of Districts into divisions.

Existing divisions preserved.

Local Government may put Magistrate in charge of division.

Such Magistrate shall be called a Magistrate of a Division of a District and shall exercise the powers conferred on him under this Act, or under any law for the time being in force, subject to the control of the Magistrate of the District.

Delegation of power to Magistrate of District.

Subordination of officers to Magistrate of Division of District.

42. The Local

Special Magistrates.

or in regard to offences generally, in any part of a district or in any one or more districts, subject to such Local Government.

Such Magistrate shall be called "Special Magistrates."

Mode of conferring powers.

44. The Magistrate of the District, or any Magistrate of a Division of a District, may make over any criminal case taken up by him on suspicion, or brought before him on complaint, or on report by the Police, for enquiry or trial to any Magistrate subordinate to him, to be dealt with to the extent of the powers with which the Subordinate Magistrate may have been invested under the provisions hereinbefore contained.

The Magistrate making the reference may, if the case was brought forward on complaint, before such reference, examine the complainant as prescribed in this Act; but if he does not do so, the Magistrate to whom the case is referred shall proceed as if the complaint had been made to him.

The order of reference shall be recorded in a proceeding, and, if the case has been brought forward on the report of a Police officer, shall be recorded on such report; and all processes issued for causing the attendance of the accused person or the witnesses shall direct them to attend before the Magistrate to whom the case has been referred.

The Magistrate making the reference may, if he thinks proper, re-transfer to his own file the case referred under paragraph one of this section, and when he has done so, and not before, may proceed therein.

45. If, in the course of a proceeding before a Magistrate, the evidence appears to him to warrant a presumption that the accused person has been guilty of an offence which such Magistrate is not competent to try,

or for which he is not competent to commit the accused person for trial,

he shall stay proceedings and submit the case to any Magistrate to whom he is subordinate, or to such other Magistrate, having jurisdiction, as the Magistrate of the District directs.

The Magistrate to whom the case is submitted shall either try the case himself, or refer it to any officer, subordinate to him, having jurisdiction; or he may commit the accused person for trial.

In any such case, such Magistrate or other officer as aforesaid shall examine the parties and witnesses, and shall proceed in all respects as if no proceedings had been held in any other Court.

But any statement or confession duly made by an accused person in the course of the proceedings before the Magistrate, before whom the case was originally brought, shall be admissible as evidence in all subsequent proceedings.

46. Whenever a Magistrate of the second or third class, having jurisdiction, finds an accused person guilty, and considers that he ought to receive a more severe punishment than such Magistrate is competent to adjudge, he may record the finding, and, if sentence has not been passed, may submit his proceedings, and forward the accused person, to the Magistrate of the District, or to the Magistrate of the Division of the District, to whom he is subordinate.

The Magistrate, to whom the proceedings are submitted, may, if he thinks fit, examine the parties and recall and examine any witness who has already given evidence in the case; and may summon any further witnesses and take their evidence; and shall pass such judgment, sentence, or order in the case as he deems proper, and as is according to law: Provided that he shall not exceed the powers ordinarily exercisable by him under section twenty of this Act.

The Magistrate who originally dealt with the case may, if he is empowered to hold inquiries into cases triable by the Court of Session and to commit persons to take their trial before such Court, instead of submitting his proceedings to another Magistrate, commit the accused person for trial before the Court of Session instead of finding him guilty.

47. Magistrates of Districts and Magistrates of Divisions of Districts may respectively withdraw any criminal case from any Magistrate subordinate to them, and may inquire into or try the case themselves, or refer it for inquiry or trial to any other such Magistrate competent to inquire into or try the same.

Magistrates of Districts may withdraw any criminal appeal from any Subordinate Magistrate who has been authorized to hear appeals from the convictions of Magistrates of the second and third classes, and may refer criminal appeals to any competent Magistrate subordinate to them.

Local Government may empower Magistrates of Districts to withdraw classes of cases.

48. The Local Government may authorize the Magistrate of the District to withdraw from the Magistrates subordinate to him, whether in charge of divisions of districts or not, either such classes of cases as he thinks proper, or particular classes of cases.

49. The Magistrate of the District, under the general or special orders of the Local Government, may authorize any Magistrate subordinate to him to entertain complaints arising within certain local limits, and may from time to time vary such orders: Provided that no such Magistrate shall be authorized to entertain any complaint of any offence which he is not competent to try or to commit for trial.

MAGISTRATES' BENCHES.

50. The Local Government may direct any two or more Magistrates to sit together as a bench, and may invest such bench with the powers of a Magistrate of the first, second, or third class, and direct it to try such cases or such classes of cases only and within such limits as it thinks fit.

51. In the absence of any special direction as to the powers of any such bench, it shall have the powers of a Magistrate of the highest class to which any one of its members belongs, and who is present taking part in the proceedings.

52. The Magistrate of the District may, subject to the general orders of the Local Government, make rules for the guidance of Magistrates' benches in his district.

Such rules shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and may deal with the following subjects:—

- The classes of cases to be tried ;
- The times and places of sitting ;
- The constitution of the bench for conducting trials ;
- The mode of settling differences of opinion which may arise between the Magistrates in Session.

Magistrate of District may vary or annul rules made under section 52.

53. The Magistrate of the District may, subject to the like orders, vary or annul, from time to time, any rules made by himself or by his predecessor under the last preceding section.

CONTINUANCE AND ALTERATION OF POWERS.

Powers may be varied or cancelled.

54. The Local Government may vary or cancel any powers with which any person may have been invested under this Act or any enactment hereby repealed.

55. When, in consequence of the office of a Magistrate of the District becoming vacant, any officer succeeds temporarily to the chief executive administration of the district in criminal matters, such officer shall, pending the orders of the Local Government, exercise all the ordinary powers and perform all the duties of the Magistrate of the District.

Powers of officers temporarily succeeding to vacancies in office of Magistrate of District.

56. Whenever any person holding an office in the service of Government, who has been invested with any powers under this Act or any enactment hereby repealed, in any district, is transferred to an equal or higher office of the same nature within another district, he shall, unless the Local Government otherwise directs, continue to exercise the same powers in the district to which he is so transferred.

Continuance of powers of officers transferred.

CHAPTER V.

OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS.

Appointment of public prosecutor.

57. The Local Government may, if it thinks proper, appoint officers to be called public prosecutors.

Appointment may be for particular case or generally.

58. Public prosecutors may be appointed either for a particular case, or for particular classes of cases, or for all cases throughout the whole or any part of any province.

Private persons may not act as prosecutors or employ counsel without permission of the Court.

59. Any Court enquiring into or trying any case may permit any person to conduct the case as prosecutor ; but no person shall be entitled to do so without such permission. Any person permitted to prosecute may conduct the prosecution personally or by counsel.

60. The public prosecutor may appear and plead without any written authority before all Courts in which any case under his charge is under inquiry, trial, or appeal ; and if any private person instructs any barrister, attorney, pleader, or vakeel to prosecute any person in any case under the charge of the public prosecutor, the public prosecutor shall have the management of the case, and such other person shall act under his directions.

He may plead in all Courts in cases under his charge.

Barristers, &c., privately instructed to be under his direction.

61. The public prosecutor may, with the consent of the Court, withdraw any charge against any person in any case of which he is in charge ; and upon such withdrawal, if it is made whilst the case is under inquiry, the accused person shall be discharged. If it is made when he is under trial, the accused person shall be acquitted.

Effect of withdrawal of charge by public prosecutor.

62. If an appeal is brought in any case in which any person, prosecuted by the public prosecutor, has been convicted, notice of such appeal and a copy of the grounds of appeal shall be given to such public prosecutor by the Appellate Court, and the Court shall also give him due notice of the time and place at which such appeal is to be heard.

Notice to public prosecutor of appeal in cases prosecuted by him.

CHAPTER VI.

THE PLACE OF INQUIRY AND TRIAL.

63. Every offence shall be inquired into, and, if tried by a Magistrate, shall be tried in the district in which it was committed. If tried by a Court of Session it shall be tried by that Court of Session to which the Magistrate commits.

Magistrates shall ordinarily commit to the Court of Session for the Sessions Division, in which the district to which they are appointed is situated; but the Local Government may direct that any cases or class of cases committed in any district may be tried in any Sessions Division.

EXPLANATION.—Offences created by local and special laws may be inquired into and tried in any place where the inquiry or trial might be held under the provisions of those laws or of this Code.

64. Whenever it appears to the High Court that such order will promote the ends of justice, or tend to the general convenience of the parties or witnesses, it may direct the transfer of any particular criminal case, or appeal, or class of cases or appeals from a Criminal Court, subordinate to its authority, to any other such Criminal Court of equal or superior jurisdiction,

or may order that any offence shall be inquired into or tried in any district or division of a district, other than that in which the offence has been committed, or that it shall be tried before itself. If the High Court withdraws any case from any other Court for trial before itself, it shall observe the same procedure which that Court would have observed if the case had not been so withdrawn.

(Provided that the orders issued under this section shall not be repugnant to orders issued by the Local Government under the last preceding section.)

65. When a person is accused of the commission of any offence by reason of anything which has been done, or of anything which has been omitted to be done, and of any consequence which has ensued, such offence may be inquired into or tried in any district in which any such thing has been done, or omitted to be done, or any such consequence has ensued.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is wounded in the district of X and dies in district Z. The offence of the culpable homicide of A may be inquired into and tried either in X or Z.

(b.) A is wounded in the district of X and is, during twenty days, unable to follow his ordinary pursuits in the district Y, where he is being treated. The offence of causing grievous hurt to A may be inquired into and tried either in X or Y.

(c.) A is put in fear of injury in district X, and is thereby induced, in the district of Y, to deliver property to the person who put him in fear. The offence of extortion committed on A may be inquired into and tried either in district X or district Y.

66. When an act is an offence by reason of its relation to any other act which is also an offence, a charge of the first mentioned offence may be inquired into and tried either in the district in which it happened or in the district in which the offence, with which it was so connected, happened.

Illustrations.

(a.) A charge of abetment may be inquired into and tried either in the district in which the abetment was committed, or in the district in which the offence abetted was committed.

(b.) A charge of receiving or retaining stolen goods may be inquired into and tried, either in the district in which the goods were stolen, or in any district in which any of them were at any time dishonestly received or retained.

(c.) A charge of wrongfully concealing a person known to have been kidnapped may be inquired into and tried in the district in which the wrongful concealing or in the district in which the kidnapping took place.

(d.) A, B, C, and others combine together to abet the waging of war against the Queen. Any of the conspirators may be tried in any district in which acts were done by any one of the persons with whom he or they conspired in pursuance of the original concerted plan and with reference to the common object.

* Place for inquiry or trial where scene of offence is uncertain; or not in one district only,

where the offence is a continuing one and continues to be committed in more districts than one; or where it consists of several acts done in different districts,

or offence is continuing, or consist of several acts.

67. When it is uncertain in which of several districts an offence was committed; or where an offence is committed partly in one district and partly in another; or

it may be inquired into and tried in any one of any such districts.

Illustrations.

(a.) An offence committed on a journey or voyage may be inquired into and tried in any district through which the person by whom the offence was committed, or the person against whom, or the thing in respect of which, the offence was committed, passed in the course of that journey or voyage.

(b.) An offence committed near the boundary between two districts may be inquired into and tried in either.

(c.) A charge of being a thug or of having belonged to a gang of dacoits may be inquired into and tried wherever the person charged happens to be when the charge is made.

(d.) A charge of having escaped from custody may be inquired into and tried wherever the person charged happens to be when the charge is made.

(e.) A charge of criminal misappropriation or of criminal breach of trust may be inquired into and tried either in the district in which the property, which is the subject of the offence, was received, or in the district or districts in which the whole or any part of it has been misappropriated, or where the offence of criminal breach of trust has been wholly or partly committed.

(f.) A steals a buffalo from B in district W, and personally or by his agents conveys the buffalo through districts X and Y into district Z. This is a continuing offence, and A may be tried either in W, X, Y, or Z.

68. The offence of murder as a thug, dacoity, or dacoity with murder, may be inquired into and tried wherever the person accused may happen to be when arrested, or in any other district in which he might be tried under any other provision of this Code, or any other law relating to the trial of such offence.

High Court to decide, in case of doubt, district where inquiry shall take place.

69. Whenever any doubt arises as to the district in which any offence should be inquired into or tried, the High Court within whose jurisdiction the offender is apprehended may decide in which district the offence shall be inquired into or tried.

70. No sentence

Effect, on sentence, of holding investigation, inquiry, or trial in wrong district.

cases a new trial may be ordered.

or order of any Criminal Court shall be liable to be set aside merely on the ground that the investigation, inquiry, or trial was held in a wrong district or Sessions division, unless it is proved or appears that the accused person was actually prejudiced in his defence, or the prosecutor in his prosecution, by such error, in either of which

CHAPTER VII.

OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER EUROPEAN BRITISH SUBJECTS.

"European British subjects."

71. The expression "European British subjects" means in this Act—

(1.) All subjects of Her Majesty born, naturalized, or domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any of the European, American, or Australian Colonies or Possessions of Her Majesty, or in the Colony of New Zealand, or in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope or Natal.

(2.) The children and grandchildren of any such person by legitimate descent.

Officers who may inquire into and try offences committed by European British subjects.

72. No Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, or Sessions Judge shall have jurisdiction to inquire into a complaint or try a charge against a European British subject unless he is himself a European British subject.

No Magistrate shall have such jurisdiction unless he is a Magistrate of the first class and a Justice of the Peace.

No Justice of the Peace shall have such jurisdiction unless he is a Magistrate of the first class.

73. Any Magistrate who is authorized by law to entertain complaints, may entertain against European British subjects such complaints as he is authorized to entertain in the case of other persons.

Who may hear complaints and issue process. If he issues any process for the purpose of compelling the appearance of a European British subject accused of an offence, such process must be returnable before a Magistrate competent to inquire into or try the case.

Magistrates of the first class, being European British subjects and Justices of the Peace, may inquire into complaints against European British subjects.

74. Any competent Magistrate may inquire into complaints of any offence made against a European British subject.

If the offence complained of is a Magistrate's case and can, in the opinion of such Magistrate, be adequately punished by him, he shall proceed as is hereinafter in this Code directed, according to the nature of the offence; and, on conviction, may pass on such European British subject any sentence warranted by law, not exceeding three months' imprisonment, or fine up to one thousand rupees, or both.

75. When the offence complained of cannot, in the opinion of such Magistrate, be adequately punished by him, and is not punishable with death or with transportation for life, such Magistrate shall, if he thinks that the accused person ought to be committed, commit him to the Court of Session.

When commitment is to be to Court of Session. When the offence complained of is punishable with death or transportation for life, the commitment shall be to the High Court.

76. Sessions Judges or Additional Sessions Judges, and, when specially empowered in that behalf by the Local Government, Assistant Sessions Judges who are European British subjects and who have been Assistant Sessions Judges for not less than three years, may pass on European British subjects any sentence, warranted by law, not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or fine, or both.

If, at any stage of the proceedings, the Sessions Judge thinks the offence cannot be adequately punished by such a sentence, he shall record his opinion to that effect and transfer the case to the High Court. The Sessions Judge may either himself bind over, or direct the committing Magistrate to bind over, the complainant and witnesses to appear before such High Court.

77. If the Sessions Judge of the Sessions division, within which the offence is ordinarily triable, is not a European British subject, the case shall be reported by the committing Magistrate for the orders of the High Court.

Mode of conducting trials by Court of Session. 78. Trials of European British subjects before the Court of Session shall be conducted according to the provisions of Chapter XIX.

In trials with assessors not less than half the number of assessors, and in trials by jury not less than half the number of jurors shall be European British subjects.

Appeal from conviction of such subject by Magistrate. 79. Any European British subject who is convicted by a competent Magistrate of any offence, may appeal either to the Court of Session or to the High Court.

Appeal from conviction by Court of Session. 80. Any European British subject who is convicted of any offence by any Court of Session, may appeal to the High Court.

81. Any European British subject who is detained in custody by any person, and who considers such detention unlawful, may apply to the High Court, which would have jurisdiction over him in respect of any offence committed by him at the place where he is detained, or to which he would be entitled to appeal from any conviction for any such offence, for an order directing the person detaining him to bring him before the said High Court to abide such further order as may be made by it. The High Court if it thinks fit, may, before issuing such order, inquire on affidavit or otherwise, into the grounds on which it is applied for, and grant or refuse such application; or it may issue the order in the first instance, and when the person applying for it is brought before it, it may make such further order in the case as it thinks fit after such inquiry as it thinks necessary.

Right of European British subject under detention to apply for order to produce his person. Procedure on such application. The High Court if it thinks fit, may, before issuing such order, inquire on affidavit or otherwise, into the grounds on which it is applied for, and grant or refuse such application; or it may issue the order in the first instance, and when the person applying for it is brought before it, it may make such further order in the case as it thinks fit after such inquiry as it thinks necessary.

• The High Courts may issue such orders throughout the territories over which they have jurisdiction, and over such other places as the Governor-General in Council may direct.

82. Neither the High Courts nor any Judge of such High Courts shall issue any writ of *habeas corpus*, *mainprise*, *de homine replegiando*, nor any other writ of the like nature beyond the Presidency towns.

83. When any person claims to be dealt with as a European British subject, he shall state the grounds of such claim to the Magistrate before whom he is brought for the purposes of the inquiry or trial; and such Magistrate shall on such statement decide whether he is or is not a European British subject, and shall deal with him accordingly; and if any such person is dissatisfied with such decision, the burden of proving that it was wrong shall be upon him. If the Magistrate decide that the accused person is not a European British subject, the trial shall proceed, but such decision shall form a ground of appeal.

84. If a European British subject does not claim to be dealt with as such before the Magistrate before whom he is tried or committed, he shall be held to have waived his privilege as such European British subject.

If the Magistrate has reason to believe that any person brought before him is a European British subject, it is his duty to ask him whether he is one or not.

85. If a person, who is not a European British subject, is dealt with as such and does not object, the proceedings shall be valid.

86. All High Courts shall deal with proceedings against European British subjects outside of the Presidency towns in the manner in which they are empowered by this Act or by any other law in force for the time being to deal with the proceedings of Magistrates outside the Presidency towns; and not according to the law of England relating to the dealings of the superior Courts in England with the proceedings of Justices of the Peace in England.

The High Courts shall have the same powers with respect to the inquiries and charges against European British subjects as Courts of Session have with respect to inquiries and charges against other persons.

87. All Magistrates and Courts of Session, proceeding against European British subjects under this chapter, shall proceed under the provisions of this Act and not according to the law of England relating to Justices of the Peace; and all the provisions of this Act, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, shall apply to such proceedings.

88. European British subjects sentenced to imprisonment shall be confined in such places as the Local Government may either specially or generally appoint.

PART III.

OF THE POLICE.

CHAPTER VIII.

OFFENCES OF WHICH INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE POLICE, AND DUTY OF THE PUBLIC.

89. Every person aware of the commission of any offence made punishable under sections one hundred and twenty-one, one hundred and twenty-one A, one hundred and twenty-two, one hundred and twenty-three, one hundred and twenty-four, one hundred and twenty-four A, one hundred and twenty-five, one hundred and twenty-six, one hundred and thirty, three hundred and two, three hundred and three, three hundred and four, three hundred and eighty-two, three hundred and ninety-two, three hundred and ninety-three, three hundred and ninety-four, three hundred and ninety-five, three hundred and ninety-six, three hundred and ninety-seven, three hundred and ninety-eight, three hundred and ninety-nine, four hundred and two, four hundred and thirty-five, four hundred and thirty-six, four hundred and forty-nine, four hundred and fifty, four hundred and fifty-six, four hundred and fifty-seven, four

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hundred and fifty-eight, four hundred and fifty-nine, or four hundred and sixty of the Indian Penal Code, shall, in the absence of reasonable excuse, the burthen of proving which shall lie upon such person, give information of the same to the nearest Police officer or Magistrate.

90. Every Village Headman, Village Watchman, owner or occupier of land, or the Landholders and others agent of any such owner or occupier, and every Native officer bound to report certain matters employed in the collection of revenue or rent of land on the part of Government or the Court of Wards, is bound forthwith to communicate to the nearest Magistrate, or to the officer in charge of the nearest Police-station, any information which he may obtain respecting—

(a) the residence of any notorious receiver or vendor of stolen property at the village of which he is headman or watchman, or in which he owns or occupies land, or collects rent or revenue, as the case may be ;

(b) the resort to any place within the limits of such village of any person or persons known or reasonably suspected of being a thug or robber ;

(c) the commission or intention to commit suttee or other non-bailable offence at or near such village ;

(d) the occurrence of any sudden or unnatural death.

91. Every person is bound to assist a Magistrate or Police Magistrate and Police in officer demanding his aid in the prevention of a breach of the certain cases. peace,

or in the suppression of a riot or an affray,

or in the taking of any other person whom such Magistrate or Police officer is authorized to arrest.

CHAPTER IX.

OF ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT.

When Police may arrest without warrant.

92. A Police officer may, without orders from a Magistrate and without a warrant, arrest,—

FIRSTLY,—Any person who in the sight of such Police officer commits a cognizable offence.

SECONDLY,—Any person against whom a reasonable complaint has been made or a reasonable suspicion exists of his having been concerned in any such offence.

THIRDLY,—Any person against whom a hue and cry has been raised of his having been concerned in any such offence.

FOURTHLY,—Any person who has been proclaimed either under this Act, or in a District or Police Gazette or notification.

FIFTHLY,—Any person found with property in his possession which may reasonably be suspected to be stolen property.

SIXTHLY,—Any person who obstructs a Police officer while in the execution of his duty, or who escapes from lawful custody, and

SEVENTHLY,—Any person reasonably suspected of being a deserter from Her Majesty's Army or Her Majesty's Indian Army.

93. Any person known to have committed or suspected of having committed an offence for which a Police officer is not authorized to arrest without a warrant, and who refuses on demand of a Police officer to give his name and residence,

or gives a name or residence which there is reason to believe to be false,

may be detained by such Police officer for the purpose of ascertaining the name or residence of such person ; and shall, within twenty-four hours, be forwarded to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, unless before that time his true name and residence are ascertained, in which case such person shall be forthwith released.

94. An officer in charge of a Police-station may, without orders from a Magistrate and without a warrant, arrest or cause to be arrested any person found lurking within the limits of such station, who has no ostensible means of subsistence, or who cannot give a satisfactory account of himself,

* or any person who is a reputed robber, house-breaker, thief, receiver of stolen property knowing it to be stolen,
or who is of notoriously bad livelihood.

Police to prevent certain offences.

95. Every Police officer shall prevent, and may interpose for the purpose of preventing, the commission of any cognizable offence.

Information of design to commit such offences.

96. Every Police officer receiving information of a design to commit any such offence shall communicate such information to the Police officer to whom he is subordinate, and to any other officer whom it may concern to prevent or take cognizance of the commission of any such offence.

Arrest to prevent such offences.

97. A Police officer, knowing of a design to commit any such offence, may arrest, without orders from a Magistrate and without a warrant, the person so designing, if the commission of the offence cannot be otherwise prevented.

Injury to public property.

98. A Police officer may, of his own authority, interpose for the prevention of any injury attempted to be committed in his view to any public property, moveable or immoveable,

or to prevent the removal or injury of any public land-mark, or buoy or other mark used for navigation.

If necessary such Police officer may detain the person doing such injury according to the provisions of section ninety-three.

Ingress to be allowed into house entered by person of whom Police in search.

99. If there is reason to believe that any person liable to arrest under this chapter without a warrant, of whom a Police officer is in search, has entered into or is within any house or place, it shall be the duty of the person residing in or in charge of such house or place, on the demand of such Police officer, to allow ingress thereto, and all reasonable facilities for a search therein.

Procedure where ingress not obtainable.

100. If ingress to such house or place cannot be obtained under section ninety-nine, the Police officer, authorized to make the arrest, shall take such precautions as may be necessary to prevent the escape of the person to be arrested and send immediate information to any Magistrate having jurisdiction.

If a warrant cannot be obtained without affording such person an opportunity of escape, and there is no person authorized to enter without a warrant on the spot, the Police officer may make an entry into such house or place and search therein.

Person arrested to be taken before Magistrate or officer in charge of Police-station.

101. A Police officer making an arrest under this chapter shall, without unnecessary delay, take or send the person arrested before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case, or before the officer in charge of a Police-station.

Procedure when Police officer deposes subordinate to arrest without warrant.

102. When any officer in charge of a Police-station requires any officer subordinate to him to arrest without a warrant (otherwise than in his presence) any person who may lawfully be arrested by such officer without a warrant, he shall deliver to the Police officer required to make the arrest an order in writing, specifying the person to be arrested, and the offence for which the arrest is to be made.

The provisions of sections ninety-one and one hundred and seventy-six to one hundred and eighty-two (both inclusive) shall apply to every order in writing issued under this section.

Police may pursue offenders into other jurisdictions.

103. For the purpose of arresting any person accused of a cognizable offence, a Police officer may pursue any such person into the limits of the local jurisdiction of another Police officer, whether subordinate to the same Magistrate as himself, or to the Magistrate of any other

District, and whether such place be in the same Province or not.

Detention of offenders attending Court.

104. Any person attending a Criminal Court, although not upon an arrest or summons on a complaint made, may be detained by such Court for the purpose of examination, for any offence which from the evidence he may appear to have committed, and may be proceeded against as though he had been arrested or summoned on a complaint made.

When the detention takes place in the course of an inquiry under Chapter XV, or after a trial has begun, the proceedings in respect of such person shall be commenced afresh and the witnesses re-heard.

OF ARREST BY PRIVATE PERSONS.

Arrest by private persons.

105. Any private person may arrest any person who, in his view, commits a non-bailable and cognizable offence.

106. The master or mate of a British merchant ship may, either with or without the assistance of the Police, who are bound to aid if so required by such master or mate, arrest seamen or apprentices duly engaged, under the Statute 17 & 18 Vic., c. 104, or other law for the time being in force relating to merchant shipping, who refuse to join or desert from the vessel in which they contracted to serve.

Such arrest shall be made only at the request and on the responsibility of such master or mate, and he shall be required by the Police to accompany the arrested person, should he be apprehended, before the Magistrate having jurisdiction; and it shall be the duty of such master or mate to obey such requisition.

107. A private person making an arrest under this chapter shall forthwith make over the person arrested to a Police officer; and, in the absence of a Police officer, shall take such person to the nearest Police-station. The Police shall deal with such person according to the provisions of section ninety-two or ninety-three, as the case may be, and shall not arrest or detain him unless he appears to be liable to arrest or detention under the section applicable.

108. When any offence is committed in the presence of a Magistrate, he may order any person to arrest the offender, and may thereupon commit him to custody, or, if the offence is bailable, may admit him to bail.

CHAPTER X.

POWERS OF THE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE.

What offences Police officer may investigate.

109. An officer in charge of a Police-station may, without order of a Magistrate, investigate any offence cognizable by the Police.

What offences Police may not investigate.

110. A Police officer may not, without the order of a Magistrate of the first or second class, investigate an offence not cognizable by the Police.

A Magistrate of the first or second class may, as provided in sections twenty-four and twenty-six, order the Police to investigate; and, on receipt of an order to investigate a non-cognizable case, a Police officer may exercise the same powers in respect of the investigation as in a cognizable case.

111. Nothing in section one hundred and ten shall be held to interfere with the exercise of any powers vested in a Police officer by any special or local law, or with the performance of any duty which is imposed upon a Police officer by any such special or local law.

112. Every complaint preferred to an officer in charge of a Police-station shall be reduced into writing, and shall be signed, sealed, or marked by the person making it; and the substance thereof shall be entered in a book to be kept by such officer in the form prescribed by the Local Government.

113. If a complaint is preferred to an officer in charge of a Police-station, of the commission within his local jurisdiction of an offence which is not cognizable by the Police, the Police officer shall enter the substance of it in the station diary, and shall refer the complainant to the Magistrate.

114. If, from information or otherwise, an officer in charge of a Police-station has reason to suspect the commission, within his local jurisdiction, of an offence cognizable by the Police, he shall send immediate intimation to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, and shall proceed in person or shall depute one of his subordinate officers to proceed to the spot to investigate the facts and circumstances of the case, and to take such measures as may be necessary for the discovery and apprehension of the offender.

Police officers shall investigate offences committed within the local limits of their jurisdiction; but they may investigate offences committed outside of those limits in cases in which a Magistrate might, under the provisions of Chapter VI, enquire into an offence not committed within his district.

No such proceeding shall, at any stage, be called in question on the ground that such offence was not committed within such officer's local jurisdiction.

115. Such Magistrate, on receiving intimation of the commission of any such offence, may at once proceed, or depute any Magistrate subordinate to him to proceed, to hold a preliminary inquiry into or otherwise to dispose of such case in the manner provided in this Act.

116. Provided that, when any complaint is made against any person by name and the case is not of a serious nature, the officer in charge of a Police-station need not proceed in person or depute a subordinate officer to make an investigation on the spot, unless such local investigation appears to be necessary.

117. Provided that, if it appear to the officer in charge of a Police-station that there is no sufficient ground for entering on an investigation, or that the immediate apprehension of the accused is not necessary for the ends of justice, he shall not proceed in the case, but shall report the substance of the complaint or information for the orders of the Magistrate having jurisdiction.

Such report shall be submitted through such superior officer of Police as the Local Government shall, by general or special order, in that behalf appoint. Such superior officer may give such instructions to the officer in charge of the Police-station as he deems fit, and shall, after recording such instructions on such report, transmit the papers without delay to the Magistrate having jurisdiction.

118. An officer in charge of a Police-station or other officer making an investigation may, by an order in writing, require the attendance before himself of any person, being within the limits of his own or any adjoining station, who, from the statement of the complainant or otherwise, appears to be acquainted with the circumstances of any case which such officer is investigating; and such person shall attend as required and shall answer all questions relating to such case put to him by such officer.

Provided that no person shall be bound to answer any questions tending to criminate himself.

119. An officer in charge of a Police-station, or other Police officer making an investigation, may examine orally any person supposed to be acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case, and may reduce into writing any statement made by the person so examined.

Such person shall be bound to answer all questions relating to such case, put him by such officer, other than questions criminating himself.

No statement so reduced into writing shall be signed by the person making it, nor shall it be treated as part of the record or used as evidence.

Proviso.

120. No Police officer or other person shall offer any inducement to an accused person by threat or promise or otherwise to make any disclosure or confession, whether such person is under arrest or not.

But no Police officer or other person shall prevent the person arrested, by any caution or otherwise, from making any disclosure which he may be disposed to make of his own free will.

121. No Police officer shall record any statement or any admission or confession of guilt, which may be made before him by a person accused of any offence.

Provided that nothing in this section shall preclude a Police officer from reducing any such statement or admission or confession into writing for his own information or guidance, or from giving evidence of any

dying declaration.

122. Any Magistrate may record any statement made to him by any person, or any confession made to him by any person, accused of an offence by any Police officer or other person. Such statements shall be recorded in the manner hereinafter prescribed for recording evidence, and such confessions shall be taken in the manner provided in sections three hundred and forty-five and three hundred and forty-six, and shall, when recorded, be forwarded to the Magistrate by whom the case is inquired into or tried. No Magistrate shall record

Powers of Magistrates to record statements and confessions.

any such confession unless, upon inquiry, he has reason to believe that it was made voluntarily, and he shall make a memorandum at the foot of any such confession to the following effect :—

“I believe that this confession was voluntarily made.”

(Signed) A. B.,
Magistrate

123. If the person arrested appears from the information obtained to have committed the offence charged, and the offence is not bailable, the officer in charge of the Police-station shall forward him under custody to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, and shall bind over the complainants, if any, and so many of the persons who appear to be acquainted with the circumstances of the case as may be necessary, to appear on a fixed day before such Magistrate, and to remain in attendance till otherwise directed.

When any subordinate Police officer has made any investigation under this chapter, he shall, if so required by the officer in charge of the Police-station, submit a report of such investigation to him ; or he may do so without such requisition ; and the officer in charge of the Police-station shall then proceed as if he had made the investigation himself.

124. No Police officer shall detain an accused person in custody for a longer period than, under all the circumstances of the case, is reasonable ; and such period shall not, in the absence of the special order of a Magistrate, whether having jurisdiction to inquire into or try the case or not, exceed twenty-four hours, exclusive of the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the Magistrate's Court.

If the investigation has not been completed within twenty-four hours and no such special order has been passed, and if there are grounds for believing that the accusation is well-founded, the officer in charge of the Police-station shall forward the accused person to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, with a statement of the offence for which he has been arrested.

A Magistrate authorizing detention under this section shall record his reasons for so doing.

If such order be given by a Magistrate other than the Magistrate of the District or of a division of a District, he shall forward a copy of his order, with his reasons for making it, to the Magistrate to whom he is subordinate.

125. If it appears to the officer in charge of the Police-station that there is not sufficient evidence or reasonable ground of suspicion to justify the transmission of an accused person to the Magistrate, such officer shall release the accused person on bail, or on his own recognizance, to appear when required, and shall submit a report of the case for the orders of the Magistrate having jurisdiction. Such report shall be submitted through the superior officer of Police, mentioned in section one hundred and seventeen, who may, pending the orders of the Magistrate, give instructions as to the conduct of the investigation.

126. A Police officer, making an investigation under this chapter shall day by day enter his proceedings in the investigation in a diary, setting forth the time at which the complaint or other information reached him, the time at which he began and closed his investigation, the place or places visited by him, and a statement of the circumstances ascertained by his investigation.

Any Criminal Court may send for the Police diaries of a case under inquiry or trial in such Court, and may use such diaries to aid it in such inquiry or trial. Neither the prisoner nor his agents shall be entitled to call for them, nor shall he or they be entitled to see them merely because they are referred to by the Court ; but if they are used by the Police officer, who made them, to refresh his memory, or if the Court uses them for the purpose of contradicting such Police officer, the provisions of the law relating to documents used for such purposes shall apply to them.

127. The investigation shall be completed without unnecessary delay, and, as soon as it is completed, the Police officer making the same shall forward to the Magistrate having jurisdiction a report in the form prescribed by the Local Government, setting forth the names of the parties, the nature of the com-

plaint, and the names of the persons who appear to be acquainted with the circumstances of the case, and shall also send to such Magistrate any weapon or article which it may be necessary to produce before him.

The Police officer shall state whether the accused person has been forwarded in custody, or has been released on bail or on his own recognizance.

If the accused person be detained in custody, the Police officer shall state the fact and the cause of his detention.

128. A person accused of any non-bailable offence shall not be admitted to bail, if there appear reasonable ground for believing that he has been guilty of the offence imputed to him.

Admission to bail.

But a person accused of any bailable offence shall be admitted to bail, if sufficient bail be tendered for his appearance before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in respect of the offence.

129. The bail to be taken under section one hundred and twenty-eight shall not be excessive; and the surety or sureties shall bind himself or themselves under a specific penalty to produce the accused person before the Magistrate on or before a fixed day, and from day to day, until otherwise directed, to answer the complaint.

Bail not to be excessive.

Terms of Security.

130. Every complainant and other person acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case, whose attendance before the Magistrate having jurisdiction is deemed necessary by the Police officer making the investigation, shall execute a recognizance in the Form (F) given in the second schedule hereto or to the like effect, for appearance before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in respect of the offence on a fixed day.

Complainants and witnesses to execute recognizances to appear.

If the Court of the Magistrate of the District or of a Magistrate of a division of a District be inserted in the bond, it shall be held to include any Court to which such Magistrate may refer the case for inquiry or trial, provided notice be given to such complainant or witness.

Such day shall be the day whereon the accused person is to appear, if he has been admitted to bail, or the day on which he may be expected to arrive at the Court of the Magistrate, if he is to be forwarded in custody.

The officer in whose presence the recognizance is executed shall, after delivering to the complainant or one of the witnesses a duplicate thereof, send it with his report to the Magistrate having jurisdiction.

No Police officer shall, except as provided in the next following section, accompany the complainant or witnesses on his or their way to the Court of the Magistrate.

131. A Police officer shall not subject any complainant or witness to restraint or unnecessary inconvenience, nor require him to give any security for his appearance other than his own recognizance.

Complainants and witnesses not to be subjected to restraint.

But if any complainant or witness refuses to attend, or to execute the recognizance directed in section one hundred and thirty, the officer in charge of a Police-station may forward him under custody to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, who may detain him in custody until he executes such recognizance, or until the hearing is completed.

Recusant complainant or witness may be forwarded in custody.

132. Officers in charge of Police-stations shall report to the Magistrate of the District, or the Magistrate of the division of a District, the cases of all persons apprehended within the limits of their respective stations, or detained under section ninety-three, whether such persons have been admitted to bail or otherwise, under whatever law such persons may have been arrested.

Police to report apprehensions.

No person who has been apprehended by a Police officer shall be discharged, except on bail or on his own recognizance, or under the special order of a Magistrate.

Discharge of person apprehended.

133. The officer in charge of a Police-station, on receiving notice or information of the unnatural or sudden death of any person, shall immediately give intimation thereof to the nearest Magistrate duly authorized, and shall proceed to the place where the body of such deceased person is, and there, in the presence of two or more respectable inhabitants of the neighbourhood, shall make an investigation, and report the apparent cause of death, describing

Police to inquire and report on unnatural and sudden deaths.

any mark of violence which may be found on the body, and stating in what manner or by what weapon or instrument such mark appears to have been inflicted.

The report shall be signed by such Police officer and other persons, or by so many of them as concur therein, and shall be forthwith forwarded to the Magistrate of the District or to the Magistrate of the division of a District.

When there is any doubt regarding the cause of death, the Police officer shall forward the body, with a view to its being examined, to the nearest Civil Surgeon or other medical officer appointed in this behalf by the Local Government, if the state of the weather and the distance admit of its being so forwarded without risk of putrefaction on the road.

In the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, the Head of the village may also in like manner make the investigation and report to the nearest Magistrate duly authorized.

134. An officer in charge of a Police-station may, by an order in writing, summon two or more persons as aforesaid for the purpose of the said investigation, and any other person who appears to be acquainted with the facts of the case. Any person so summoned shall be bound to attend and to answer all questions (other than questions which would criminate him).

If the facts do not disclose a cognizable offence to which section one hundred and twenty-seven is applicable, such persons shall not be required by the Police officer to attend a Magistrate's Court.

135. The nearest Magistrate, duly authorized, may hold an inquiry into the cause of any such death, either instead of or in addition to the investigation held by the Police officer; and if he does so, he shall have all the powers in conducting it which he would have in holding an inquiry into an offence, although no specific charge has been made against any person. The Magistrate holding such an inquiry shall record the evidence taken upon it in any of the manners hereinafter prescribed, according to the circumstances of the case.

136. The powers to be exercised by an officer in charge of a Police-station under this chapter shall be exercised, in the event of his absence from the station-house or of his illness, by the Police officer next in rank present at the Police-station, above the rank of a constable.

137. Officers of Police superior in rank to officers in charge of a Police-station may exercise the same powers throughout their local jurisdictions as may be exercised by officers in charge of Police-stations within the limits of such stations.

138. For the purposes of this Act, an Assistant District Superintendent of Police may exercise any of the powers of a District Superintendent of Police, subject to the control of such District Superintendent of Police; or, in the absence of the District Superintendent of Police and the Assistant District Superintendent, the senior officer of Police on the spot may be directed by the Magistrate of the District to exercise the powers of a District Superintendent of Police.

PART IV.

OF PROCEEDINGS TO COMPEL APPEARANCE.

CHAPTER XI.

OF COMPLAINTS TO A MAGISTRATE.

139. Proceedings to compel the appearance before a Magistrate of persons accused or suspected of offences, who have not been arrested without warrant, may be by summons or by warrant.

When summons or warrant may be issued. 140. A summons or a warrant may be issued—

(a.) Upon a report by the Police under Chapter X; but if the person complained of is already in custody, no complaint, summons or warrant is necessary.

(b.) Upon information or report by a Police officer as to a non-cognizable offence. Such information or report shall be regarded as a complaint.

(c.) Upon a complaint by a private person. Any person acquainted with the facts of a case may make a complaint.

(d.) Upon suspicion entertained by a Magistrate that an offence has been committed.

Who may entertain complaints. 141. The Magistrate of the District,

any Magistrate of a division of a District, or

any Magistrate duly empowered in that behalf, in any case which he is competent to try or to commit for trial,

may entertain a complaint of an offence, whether preferred directly by the complainant, or on report of a Police officer, and may issue process in the manner hereinafter prescribed to compel the appearance of persons accused of such offences.

Effect of reference. Any Magistrate to whom any case is duly referred, by any Magistrate duly empowered to make such reference, may dispose of such case.

A complaint or a Police report gives jurisdiction to a competent Magistrate to inquire

Effect of complaint or Police report. into or try any offence covered by the facts complained of or reported, and also to try or commit for trial any person who, at the time when the complaint or report is made, or subsequently, appears to have committed the offence disclosed.

142. The Magistrate of the District,

Who may act without complaint. any Magistrate of a division of a District, or any Magistrate duly empowered in that behalf,

in any case in which he is competent to try or to commit for trial,

may without any complaint, take cognizance of any offence which he suspects to have been committed, and may issue process in the manner hereinafter prescribed to compel the appearance before him of persons whom he suspects to have committed any such offence.

Nothing in this or in the last preceding section shall be held to authorize a Magistrate to take cognizance of a case without complaint, when the offence falls under Chapters XIX, XX, or XXI of the Indian Penal Code; nor to entertain a complaint, or to take cognizance without complaint, of an offence without sanction, where such offence, by any law in force, may not be entertained without sanction.

Who may commit for trial. 143. The Magistrate of the District, any Magistrate of a division of a District,

any Magistrate of the first class, or

any Magistrate duly empowered in that behalf,

may commit any person to the Court of Session for any offence triable by such Court.

Examination of complainant. 144. When, in order to the issuing of a summons or a warrant against any person for any offence, a complaint is made to a Magistrate, such Magistrate, if he is competent to receive such complaint, shall examine the complainant.

The examination shall be reduced into writing in a summary manner and signed by the complainant, and also by the Magistrate.

Where the complaint has been made by petition, and the Magistrate neglects to examine the complainant, the trial of the person accused shall not be set aside on this ground.

Procedure by Magistrate not empowered to hear complaint. 145. If the Magistrate be not competent to receive the complaint, he shall refer the complainant to a Magistrate having jurisdiction.

146. If the Magistrate sees cause to distrust the truth of a complaint, he may postpone the issuing of process for compelling the attendance of the person complained against, and may direct a previous inquiry or investigation to be made into the truth of the complaint, either by means of any officer subordinate to such Magistrate, or of a local Police officer, or in such other mode as he thinks fit, for the purpose of ascertaining the truth or falsehood of the complaint.

If such inquiry or investigation is made by means of some person other than an officer exercising any of the powers of a Magistrate or a Police officer, such person shall exercise all the powers conferred by this Act on an officer in charge of a Police-station, except that he shall have no power to make an arrest.

147. The Magistrate before whom such complaint is duly made may, if, after examining the complainant, there is in his judgment no sufficient ground for proceeding, dismiss the complaint.

Dismissal of complaint.

The dismissal of a complaint shall not prevent subsequent proceedings.

If it appears to such Magistrate that there is sufficient ground for proceeding, he shall, if the case appears to be a summons case, issue his summons,

Issue of process.

or, if the case appears to be a warrant case, his warrant, for causing the accused person to appear before himself or some other Magistrate having jurisdiction.

148. When a complaint is made before a Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case,

In what cases a summons may issue.

that any person has committed, or is suspected of having committed, any offence triable by such Magistrate and punishable with fine only, or with imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or with both, the Magistrate may issue his summons directed to such person requiring him to appear at a certain time and place before such Magistrate to answer to the complaint.

If the Magistrate believes that the accused person is about to abscond, he may, instead of issuing a summons, issue a warrant in the first instance for the arrest of such person.

149. When a complaint is made before a Magistrate, having jurisdiction in the case, that any person has committed, or is suspected of having committed, any offence triable by such Magistrate and punishable with imprisonment for a period exceeding six months,

In what cases warrant may issue on complaint.

or when a complaint is made before any Magistrate empower to commit persons for trial before the Court of Session that any person has committed, or is suspected of having committed, any offence triable exclusively by the Court of Session, or which in the opinion of such Magistrate ought to be tried by the Court of Session,

such Magistrate may issue his warrant to arrest such person, or, if he thinks fit, his summons requiring him to appear to answer such complaint.

150. If the person served with a summons does not appear before the Magistrate at the time mentioned in such summons, and the Magistrate is satisfied that such summons was duly served in what the Magistrate deems a reasonable time before the time therein appointed or appearing to the same,

Warrant to arrest if summons not obeyed.

or if it appears to the Magistrate that, after due diligence, the summons could not be served according to the provisions of this Act,

the Magistrate may issue his warrant to apprehend the accused person.

151. In cases, of whatever nature, in which the Magistrate thinks fit to issue a summons he may, if he sees sufficient cause, dispense with the personal attendance of the accused person and permit him to appear by an agent duly authorized to act in his behalf.

Magistrate may dispense with personal attendance of accused.

But it shall be in the discretion of such Magistrate at any stage of the proceedings to direct the personal attendance of the accused person.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE SUMMONS.

152. Every summons issued by a Magistrate to an accused person shall be in writing, in duplicate, and shall be signed and sealed by such

Form of summons.

Magistrate, and shall be in the Form (A) given in the second schedule to this Act, or to the like effect.

153. A summons shall ordinarily be served through a Police officer; but the

Summons by whom served.

Magistrate issuing the summons may, if he see fit, direct it to be served by any other person.

154. The summons shall be served on the accused personally in any district where

Summons how served.

he may be, by exhibiting one of the copies and delivering or tendering the other copy to him; or, in case the accused person

cannot be found, the copy may be left for him with some adult male member of his family residing with him, and the person summoned or the person with whom the copy is left shall sign a receipt therefor.

155. When the accused person cannot be found, and there is no adult male member of his family on whom the service can be made, the serving officer shall fix a copy of the summons on some conspicuous part of the house in which the accused person ordinarily resides.

156. A Magistrate may, notwithstanding the issue of such summons, either before the appearance of the accused person as required by such summons, or after default made by him so to appear, issue a warrant of arrest against such person.

157. The Magistrate of the District, a Magistrate of a division of a District, or a Magistrate of the first class duly authorized in that behalf and having local jurisdiction in such District or division of a District, may issue a summons or warrant for the apprehension of any person within such District or division of a District, in respect of any offence known or suspected to have been committed by such person in a different District or division of a District, or on the high seas, or in a foreign country, and for which, if committed within the local jurisdiction of such Magistrate, he might issue a summons or warrant.

Summons or warrant for offence committed beyond local jurisdiction.

158. The provisions relating to a summons, its issue and service, contained in this chapter, shall be applicable to every summons issued under this Act, except a summons to serve as a juror or assessor :

Provided that, when the person summoned is in the service of Government or of any Railway Company, the Court or Magistrate issuing the summons may send the summons to the head of the office in which the person summoned is employed ; and such head shall thereupon cause the summons to be served on the person named therein.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE WARRANT.

159. Every warrant issued by a Magistrate shall be in writing and shall be signed and sealed by such Magistrate, and shall be in the Form (B) given in the second schedule to this Act, or to the like effect.

Form of warrant.

The warrant issued under this chapter remains in force until the person arrested is brought into the presence of the Magistrate who issued it and so long as he remains before such Magistrate. If the person arrested is to be remanded to custody, an order must be made under section one hundred and ninety-four, or a warrant issued under section three hundred and three.

Effect of warrant of arrest.

160. It shall be in the discretion of a Magistrate, in issuing a warrant for the arrest of any person, to direct by endorsement on the warrant that, if such person be willing and ready to give bail, in a sum to be fixed by the Magistrate, for his appearance before the Magistrate on a specified day [which sum and day shall be named in such endorsement], to answer the complaint, the officer to whom the warrant is directed shall accept such bail, and shall release from custody the person complained against.

* Magistrate may direct bail to be taken.

Bail-bond to be forwarded.

If bail is given, the officer shall forward the bail-bond to the Magistrate.

161. A warrant shall ordinarily be directed to a Police officer, but the Magistrate issuing a warrant may, if immediate execution be necessary and no Police officer be immediately available, direct it to any other person.

Warrants to whom directed

162. The Magistrate of the District may direct a warrant or warrants to landholders, farmers, or managers of land for the arrest of any escaped convict, proclaimed offender, or person who has been accused of a non-bailable offence, and who has eluded pursuit.

Warrant may be directed to landholders, &c.

Such landholder or other person shall acknowledge the receipt of the warrant and shall be bound to execute it, should the person, for whose arrest it was issued, enter on or be in his estate, farm, or land under his charge.

Should the person against whom such warrant is issued be arrested, he shall be made over to the nearest Police officer with the warrant, and such Police officer shall cause such accused person to be carried before the Magistrate having jurisdiction, unless bail may be and is taken under section one hundred and sixty.

163. When a warrant is directed to a person other than a Police officer, any other person may aid in executing such warrant, if the person to whom the warrant is directed be near at hand and acting in the execution of the warrant.

Warrants directed to any person other than a Police officer.

Warrant to several persons.

165. A warrant directed to Police officer.

Magistrate issuing warrant may superintend its execution.

Arrest in presence of Magistrate.

Where warrant may be executed.

But if the person against whom the warrant is issued, escapes, goes into, or is in any place out of the district in which the warrant was issued, the warrant may be executed in such place.

Magistrate may issue warrant for execution in places outside his jurisdiction.

164. A warrant may be directed to several persons, and, when so directed, may be executed by all, or by any one or more of such persons.

directed to a Police officer may also be executed by any other Police officer whose name is endorsed upon the warrant by the officer to whom the warrant is directed or endorsed.

166. The Magistrate, by whom a warrant of arrest is issued may attend personally for the purpose of seeing that the warrant is duly executed.

Any Magistrate may also at any time direct the arrest in his presence of any person for whose arrest he is competent to issue a warrant.

167. A warrant, issued by a Magistrate, shall ordinarily be executed in the district in which it was issued.

168. A Magistrate may direct a warrant to be executed outside his local jurisdiction, either after endorsement by a Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction it is to be executed, or without such endorsement.

If the warrant is to be so endorsed it may be sent by post to the Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction it is to be executed and by whom it is to be endorsed.

If the warrant is not to be endorsed, it shall be entrusted to a Police officer, to be taken either to a Magistrate or to a Police officer, not below the rank of an officer in charge of a station, in whose local jurisdiction the warrant is to be executed.

169. If a warrant is executed, whether with or without endorsement, outside the district in which it was issued, the person arrested shall, unless the Magistrate, who issued the warrant, be within twenty miles or be nearer than the Magistrate in whose local jurisdiction the arrest was made, or unless bail be taken under section one hundred and sixty, be carried before the Magistrate in whose local jurisdiction the arrest was made.

170. A Magistrate or Police officer, to whom a warrant is directed for execution, shall execute the same or cause it to be executed, and any Magistrate, before whom a person is brought under the provisions of section one hundred and sixty-nine, shall, if the person arrested appears to be the person intended by the Magistrate who issued the warrant, direct his removal in custody to the Magistrate who issued the warrant,

or, if the offence be bailable, and the person arrested be ready and willing to give bail, shall take bail for his appearance before the Magistrate who issued the warrant, and the recognizance or bail-bond shall be forwarded to such Magistrate.

In this section the word Magistrate includes a Commissioner of Police and a Magistrate of Police in the Presidency towns.

171. If any person accused of an offence, not coming within section one hundred and forty-eight, absconds or conceals himself, so that, upon a warrant issued against him, he cannot be found, the Magistrate having jurisdiction shall, if he thinks, whether after taking evidence or not, that such person absconds or conceals himself for the purpose of avoiding the service of the warrant, issue a written proclamation, requiring him to appear to answer the complaint within a fixed period not less than thirty days.

Proclamation for person absconding.

* Such proclamation shall be publicly read in some conspicuous place of the town or village in which the accused person usually resides, and shall be affixed on some conspicuous part of his ordinary place of abode, or on some conspicuous place of such town or village.

A copy of the proclamation shall also be affixed on some conspicuous part of such Magistrate's Court-house.

A statement by the Magistrate to the effect that the proclamation was duly made shall be conclusive evidence of due compliance with the law.

172. Such Magistrate may order the attachment of any property, moveable, or

Attachment of property immovable, or both, belonging to the person so absconding or of person absconding. concealing himself.

Such order shall authorize the attachment of any property within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District in whose district it is made; and it shall authorize the attachment of any property without the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated.

The attachment under this section shall, if the property ordered to be attached be land paying revenue to Government, be made through the Collector of the District in which the land is situate, and, in all other cases, by seizure under the order of the Magistrate having jurisdiction; or by the appointment of a manager and receiver; or by an order prohibiting the payment of rent to the absent person, as such Magistrate deems proper.

If the absent person does not appear within the time specified in the proclamation, the property under attachment shall be at the disposal of Government, but shall not be sold until the expiration of six months, unless it is of a perishable nature, or such Magistrate considers that the sale would be for the benefit of the owner.

173. When any person, whose property has come under the disposal of Government

Restoration of forfeited property. under section one hundred and seventy-two, appears or is found within two years after the attachment of the property, and proves to the satisfaction of the Court of Session or High Court trying him for the offence of which he was accused, or, if he is not tried in, or committed for trial for that offence to either of those Courts, to the satisfaction of the Magistrate of the District, that he did not abscond or conceal himself for the purpose of evading justice, such property, or, if the same has been sold, the proceeds thereof, shall be restored to him.

174. On the arrest of a person for whose apprehension a warrant has been issued

Magistrate's procedure on arrest under his own warrant for offence committed out of his jurisdiction. under the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-seven, in respect of an offence known or suspected to have been committed in another District or division of a District, the Magistrate who issued the warrant shall, unless he is authorized to complete the inquiry himself, send the person arrested to the Magistrate within the limits of whose jurisdiction the offence is known or suspected to have been committed, or shall take bail for his appearance before such Magistrate, if the offence, of which such person is suspected, is bailable.

When the Magistrate, who issued the warrant, cannot satisfy himself as to the Magistrate to whom the person arrested should be sent, the case shall be reported for the orders of the High Court.

175. If the arrest was made under a warrant issued under section one hundred and

Procedure where such warrant issued by Subordinate Magistrate. fifty-seven by a Magistrate other than the Magistrate of the District, such Magistrate shall send the person arrested to the Magistrate of the District, unless the Magistrate, in whose jurisdiction the offence is suspected to have been committed, issues his warrant for the arrest of such person; in which case the person arrested shall be delivered to the Police officer executing such warrant, or shall be sent to the Magistrate by whom such warrant was issued.

If the offence, of which the person arrested is suspected, has been committed in the jurisdiction of another Subordinate Court of the same District, the Magistrate who issued the warrant under section one hundred and fifty-seven shall send the person arrested to the Magistrate of the division of the District in which the offence was committed.

176. A Police officer or other person, executing a warrant of arrest, shall notify the

Notification of substance of warrant. substance of the warrant to the person to be arrested, and, if required to do so, shall show the warrant to such person.

177. In making an arrest, the Police officer, or other person executing the warrant,

Warrant how executed. shall actually touch or confine the body of the person to be arrested, unless there be a submission to the custody by word or action.

178. If a person, against whom a warrant of arrest is issued, forcibly resists the endeavour to arrest him, the Police officer or other person executing the warrant may use all means necessary to effect the arrest.

179. If there is reason to believe that any person, against whom a warrant has been issued, has entered into, or is within, any house or place, it shall be the duty of any person residing in or in charge of such house or place, on demand of the Police officer or other person executing the warrant to allow such Police officer or other person free ingress thereto, and to afford all reasonable facilities for a search therein.

180. The Police officer or other person authorized by warrant to arrest a person, may break open any outer or inner door or window of any house or place, whether that of the person accused or of any other person, in order to execute such warrant, if, after notification of his authority and purpose, and demand of admittance duly made, he cannot otherwise obtain admittance.

181. If information be received that a person accused of any offence for which a warrant may issue, is concealed in an apartment in the actual occupancy of a woman, who according to the customs of the country does not appear in public, the Police officer or other person employed to execute the warrant shall take such precautions as may be necessary to prevent the escape of the accused person.

If the accused person does not deliver himself up, the Police officer or other person authorized to execute the warrant may notify his authority and purpose, and demand admittance.

If after such notification and demand he cannot otherwise obtain admittance, he shall give notice to any woman as aforesaid in such apartment, not being a person against whom a warrant has been issued, that she is at liberty to withdraw, and shall afford her every reasonable facility for withdrawing, and may then break open the apartment and execute the warrant.

182. The person arrested shall not be subjected to more restraint than is necessary to prevent his escape.

183. The officer or other person executing the warrant shall, without unnecessary delay, bring the person arrested before the Magistrate before whom he is required by this Act to produce him.

184. No Police officer or other person shall offer to the person arrested any inducement, by threat or promise or otherwise, to make any disclosure.

But no Police officer or other person shall prevent the person arrested, by any caution or otherwise, from making any disclosure which he may be disposed to make of his own free-will.

Provisions as to warrant and its execution and issue applicable to all warrants of arrest.

185. The provisions relating to a warrant and its execution contained in this chapter, shall be applicable to every warrant of arrest issued under this Act.

PART V.

OF INQUIRIES AND TRIALS.

CHAPTER XIV.

PRELIMINARY.

186. Every person charged before any Criminal Court with an offence may, of right be defended by any barrister or attorney of a High Court, or by any pleader duly qualified under the provisions of Act No. XX of 1865, or any other law in force for the time being relating to pleaders.

Any such person may, with the permission of the Court (but not otherwise), employ any mookhtar or other person not being a barrister, attorney, or pleader, to assist him in his defence.

* If an accused person, though not insane, cannot be made to understand the proceedings, the Court may proceed with the inquiry or trial; and if such inquiry results in a committal, or if such trial results in a conviction, the proceedings shall be forwarded to the High Court, with a report of the circumstances of the case, and the High Court shall pass thereon such order as to it seems fit.

Where accused person does not understand the proceedings.

187. The place in which the Court of a Magistrate is held for the trial of any offence or for the purpose of conducting an inquiry into any case triable by a Court of Session or High Court, and also every Court of Session and every High Court shall be deemed an open and public Court, to which the public generally may have access, so far as the same can conveniently contain them.

Criminal Courts to be open.

But the Magistrate or presiding Judge may, if he thinks fit, order that, during the inquiry into or trial of any particular case, no person shall have access to, or be, or remain in, the room or building used by the Court without the consent or permission of the Court.

188. In the case of offences which may lawfully be compounded, injured persons may compound the offence out of Court, or in Court with the permission of the Court.

Compounding offences.

Such withdrawal from the prosecution shall have the effect of an acquittal of the accused person.

CHAPTER XV.

OF INQUIRY INTO CASES TRIABLE BY THE COURT OF SESSION OR HIGH COURT.

Procedure in preliminary inquiries.

189. The following procedure shall be adopted in inquiries before Magistrates in cases triable by a Court of Session or High Court.

190. When the accused person appears or is brought before the Magistrate, or if his personal attendance is dispensed with, when the Magistrate thinks fit, the Magistrate shall take the evidence of the complainant and of such persons as are stated to have any knowledge of the facts which form the subject-matter of the accusation and the attendant circumstances.

Examination of complainant and witnesses for prosecution.

191. The complainant and the witnesses for the prosecution shall be examined in the presence of the accused person, or of his agent, when his personal attendance is dispensed with and he appears by agent.

Examination to be in presence of accused.

Accused may cross-examine.

The accused person or his agent shall be permitted to examine and re-examine his own witnesses and to cross-examine the complainant and his witnesses.

Power of Magistrate to summon and examine any person.

192. The Magistrate may, at any stage of the proceedings, summon and examine any person whose evidence he considers essential to the inquiry, and re-call and re-examine any person already examined.

already examined.

193. The Magistrate may, from time to time, at any stage of the inquiry and without previously warning the accused person, examine him, and put such questions to him as he considers necessary.

The accused person shall not render himself liable to punishment for refusal to answer such questions, or for giving false answers to them, but the Magistrate shall draw such inference as may to him seem just from such refusal.

EXPLANATION.—The answer given by an accused person may be put in evidence against him, not only in the case under inquiry, but also in trials for any other offences which his replies may tend to show he has committed.

194. If, from the absence of a witness or from any other reasonable cause, it becomes necessary or advisable to defer the examination, or further examination, of witnesses, the Magistrate may, by a written order, from time to time adjourn the inquiry, and remand the accused person for such time as is deemed reasonable, not exceeding fifteen days.

Adjournment of inquiry and remand.

Instead of detaining the accused person in custody during the period for which he is so remanded, the Magistrate may release him, upon his entering into a recognizance, with or without a surety or sureties, at the discretion of such Magistrate, conditioned for his appearance before such Magistrate at the time and place appointed for the continuance of such examination.

EXPLANATION.—After commencing the inquiry, if sufficient evidence has been obtained to raise a suspicion that the person accused may have committed an offence, and it appears likely that further evidence may be obtained by a remand, this is a reasonable ground for a remand.

195. When a Magistrate finds that there are not sufficient grounds for committing the accused person to take his trial before the Court of Session or High Court, or for remanding him, he shall discharge him, unless it appears to the Magistrate that such person should be put on his trial before himself, in which case he shall proceed under Chapters XVI, XVII, or XVIII of this Act.

EXPLANATION I.—The absence of the complainant, except when the offence may lawfully be compounded, shall not be deemed sufficient ground for a discharge, if there appear other evidence of a nature rendering a trial desirable.

EXPLANATION II.—A discharge is not equivalent to an acquittal, and does not bar the revival of a prosecution for the same offence.

EXPLANATION III.—An order of discharge cannot be made until the evidence of the witnesses named for the prosecution has been taken.

196. When evidence has been given before a Magistrate which appears to justify him in sending the accused person to take his trial for an offence which is triable exclusively by the Court of Session or High Court, or which, in the opinion of the Magistrate, is one which ought to be tried by such Court, the accused person shall be sent for trial by such Magistrate before the Court of Session or High Court as the case may be.

197. If such accused person (not being a European British subject)

is accused of having committed an offence conjointly with a European British subject who is about to be committed for trial, or to be tried, before the High Court on a similar charge,

and the evidence appears to justify the Magistrate in sending the accused person for trial,

he shall commit such accused person to take his trial before such High Court and not before a Court of Session; and such High Court shall have jurisdiction to try such person.

EXPLANATION.—A commitment once made by a competent Magistrate can be quashed by the High Court only, and only on a point of law.

This explanation applies also to section one hundred and ninety-six.

198. When the Magistrate determines to send the accused person before the Court of Session or High Court for trial, he shall, after the evidence has been recorded, make a written instrument under his hand and seal, declaring with what offence the accused person is charged, and shall direct him to be tried by such Court on such charge. He shall also record his reasons for committing such accused person.

A copy of such instrument shall be forwarded with the record of the original inquiry to the Court of Session before which the accused person is to be tried; and a copy shall also be sent to the public prosecutor or other officer appointed to conduct the prosecution.

Any weapon or other article of property necessary to produce in evidence shall also be transmitted to the Court of Session.

When a commitment is made to the High Court, such instrument, record, and such weapon or other article shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Crown or other officer appointed by the Court; and if any part of such record is not in English, a translation thereof in English shall be forwarded therewith.

199. As soon as the charge, on which the accused person is to be tried, has been prepared, it shall be read and explained to him; and a copy or translation thereof shall be furnished to him, if he so require.

200. The accused person shall be required at once to give in, orally or in writing, a list of witnesses for list of witnesses, whom he wishes to be summoned to give evidence on his trial before the Court of Session or High Court.

The Magistrate may, if he thinks proper, summon the persons so named to attend and give evidence at the inquiry; and if he does so, the commitment shall not be considered to have been made until such evidence has been taken.

It shall be in the discretion of the Magistrate, subject to the provisions of section three hundred and fifty nine, to allow the accused person to give in any further list of witnesses at a subsequent time.

Copies of depositions to be furnished to accused.

201. When the inquiry is concluded, the accused person shall, if he demands them at a reasonable time before the trial, be furnished with copies of the depositions. Such copies shall be made at his expense unless the Magistrate sees fit to give them free of cost.

202. When the accused person is committed to take his trial before the Court of Session or High Court, the Magistrate shall issue an order to the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader, or other person appointed by the Government to conduct prosecutions before the Court of Session or High Court, notifying such commitment, and stating the offence in the same form as the charge.

Nothing in this section shall preclude the Magistrate of the District in a case committed to the Court of Session, if he thinks fit, from appointing a person other than such Government Pleader or person to conduct the prosecution.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF THE TRIAL OF SUMMONS CASES BY MAGISTRATES.

Procedure in summons cases.

203. The following procedure shall be observed in the trial of summons cases.

No formal charge need at any time be made against the accused person, and neither the complaint nor the summons shall be regarded otherwise than as notice to the accused person of the facts to be inquired into. The Magistrate may convict the accused person of any offence (coming under this chapter) which, from the facts proved, he appears to have committed, whatever may be the nature of the complaint or summons.

No defect in the complaint or summons shall affect the validity of the proceedings unless it appears that the accused person was actually misled by such defect, and in considering whether or not he was so misled, the Court shall have regard to the manner in which the accused person conducted his defence.

204. If, upon the day appointed, the accused person appears voluntarily in obedience to the summons in that behalf served upon him, or is brought before the Magistrate by virtue of a warrant or otherwise, it shall be at the discretion of the Magistrate to admit him to bail, or allow him to be at large upon his personal recognizance, as the Magistrate directs.

If the accused person cannot give bail, when required to do so, he shall be committed to custody.

205. If upon the day appointed for the appearance of the accused person, or any day subsequent thereto on which the case may be called on, the complainant does not appear, the Magistrate shall dismiss the complaint, unless for some reason he thinks proper to adjourn the hearing of the same to some other day. Such adjournment shall be made upon such terms as the Magistrate thinks fit.

206. On the appearance of both parties, on the day fixed for the trial, the substance of the complaint shall be stated to the accused person, and he shall be asked if he has any cause to show why he should not be convicted.

If the accused person admit the truth of the complaint, his admission shall be recorded, and if he shows no sufficient cause why he should not be convicted, the Magistrate may convict him accordingly of such offence (coming under this chapter) as he may appear to have committed.

Conviction on admission of truth of complaint.

207. If the accused person does not admit the truth of the complaint, the Magistrate shall proceed to hear the complainant and such witnesses as he produces in support of his complaint, and also to hear the accused person and such witnesses as he produces in his defence.

Procedure when no such admission is made.

208. Before or during the hearing of any complaint, the Magistrate may, in order to secure the attendance of witnesses or for any other reason, adjourn the hearing of the same to a day to be then appointed and stated in the presence and hearing of the party or parties.

Adjournment.

If on the day to which such hearing or such further hearing has been so adjourned, the accused person does not appear, the Magistrate may issue his warrant for the arrest of such person.

If the complainant does not appear the Magistrate may dismiss the complaint.

209. A Magistrate may dismiss the complaint as frivolous or vexatious, and may, in his discretion, by his order of dismissal, award that the complainant shall pay to the accused person such compensation, not exceeding fifty rupees, as to such Magistrate seems just and reasonable.

Compensation in cases of frivolous or vexatious complaints.

In such cases, if more persons than one are accused in the complaint, the Magistrate may in like manner award compensation not exceeding fifty rupees to each of them.

The sum so awarded shall be recoverable by distress and sale of the moveable property belonging to the complainant, which may be found within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District; and such order shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the complainant without the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District, when the order has been endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated, and, if the sum awarded cannot be realized by means of such distress, by imprisonment of the complainant in the civil jail, for any time not exceeding thirty days, unless such sum is sooner paid.

Recovery of such compensation.

210. If a complainant, at any time before a final order is passed in any case under this chapter, satisfies the Magistrate that there are sufficient grounds for permitting him to withdraw his complaint, the Magistrate may permit him to withdraw it.

Withdrawal of complaint.

A complaint withdrawn under this section shall not again be entertained.

211. If the Magistrate, in any case tried under this chapter, finds the accused person not guilty, he shall record a judgment of acquittal.

Acquittal.

If the accused person is convicted, the Magistrate shall pass sentence upon him according to law.

Sentence.

When the personal attendance of the accused person during the trial has been dispensed with, the sentence of the Magistrate, if the sentence be for fine only, may be pronounced in the presence of such accused person's agent, if he has been permitted to appear by agent; or the accused person may be required to attend to hear such sentence.

Effect of dismissal.

212. The dismissal of a complaint under this chapter shall operate in like manner as the acquittal of the accused person.

No complaint shall be dismissed under the provisions of this chapter except in so far as it refers to a summons case.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF THE TRIAL OF WARRANT CASES BY MAGISTRATES.

Procedure in warrant cases.

213. The following procedure shall be observed by Magistrates in the trial of warrant cases.

Sections 190 to 194 to apply.

214. The provisions of sections one hundred and ninety to one hundred and ninety-four (both inclusive) shall apply to trials conducted under this chapter.

215. When the evidence of the complainant and of the witnesses for the prosecution, and such examination of the accused person as the Magistrate considers necessary, have been taken, the Magistrate, if he finds that no offence has been proved against the accused person, shall discharge him.

EXPLANATION I.—The absence of the complainant, except where the offence may be lawfully compounded, shall not be deemed sufficient ground for a discharge, if there appears other evidence sufficient to substantiate the offence.

EXPLANATION II.—A discharge is not equivalent to an acquittal and does not bar the revival of a prosecution for the same offence.

EXPLANATION III.—An order of discharge cannot be passed until the evidence of the witnesses named for the prosecution has been taken.

216. If the Magistrate finds that an offence is apparently proved against the accused person, which such Magistrate is competent to try, and which, in his opinion, could be adequately punished by him, he shall prepare in writing a charge against the accused person.

EXPLANATION I.—The omission to prepare a charge shall not invalidate the trial, if, in the opinion of the Court of appeal or revision, no failure of justice has been occasioned thereby.

EXPLANATION II.—If the Court of appeal or revision thinks that a failure of justice has been occasioned by an omission to prepare a charge, it shall order the trial to be recommenced from the point at which the charge should have been drawn up.

217. The charge shall then be read and explained to the accused person, and he shall be asked whether he is guilty or has any defence to make.

218. If the accused person have any defence to make to the charge, he shall be called upon to enter upon the same, and to produce his witnesses if in attendance, and shall be allowed to recall and cross-examine the witnesses for the prosecution.

If the accused person puts in any written statement, the Magistrate may file it with the record, but shall not be bound to do so.

219. The Magistrate shall, subject to the provisions of section three hundred and sixty-two, summon any witness and examine any evidence that may be offered in behalf of the accused person, to answer or disprove the evidence against him, and may for this purpose, at his discretion, adjourn the trial from time to time, as may be necessary.

220. If the Magistrate finds the accused person not guilty, he shall record judgment of acquittal.

If the accused person is convicted, the Magistrate shall pass sentence upon him according to law.

EXPLANATION.—If a charge is drawn up, the prisoner must either be acquitted or convicted. If no charge is drawn up, there can be no judgment of acquittal or conviction, except in the case provided for in Explanation I to section two hundred and sixteen.

221. In any trial before a Magistrate, in which it may appear at any stage of the proceedings that from any cause the case is one which the Magistrate is not competent to try, or one which, in the opinion of such Magistrate, ought to be tried by the Court of Session or High Court, the Magistrate shall stop further proceedings under this chapter, and shall, when he either cannot or ought not to make the accused person over to an officer empowered under section thirty-six, commit the prisoner under the provisions hereinbefore contained. If such Magistrate is not empowered to commit he shall proceed under section forty-five.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF SUMMARY TRIALS.

222. The Magistrate of the District may try the following offences in a summary way, and, on conviction of the offender, may pass such sentence as may be lawfully inflicted under section twenty of this Code :—

(1). Offences referred to in section one hundred and forty-eight of this Code.

- (2). Offences relating to weights and measures under sections two hundred and sixty-four, two hundred and sixty-five, and two hundred and sixty-six of the Indian Penal Code.
- (3). Hurt, under section three hundred and twenty-three of the Indian Penal Code.
- (4). Theft, under section three hundred and seventy-nine of the Indian Penal Code, where the value of the property stolen does not exceed fifty rupees.
- (5). Theft, under section three hundred and eighty of the Indian Penal Code, where the value of the property stolen does not exceed fifty rupees.
- (6). Theft, under section three hundred and eighty-one of the Indian Penal Code, where the value of the property stolen does not exceed fifty rupees.
- (7). Receiving stolen property, under section four hundred and eleven of the Indian Penal Code.
- (8). Mischief, under section four hundred and twenty-seven of the Indian Penal Code.
- (9). House-trespass, under section four hundred and forty-eight of the Indian Penal Code.
- (10). Criminal intimidation, under sections five hundred and four and five hundred and six of the Indian Penal Code.
- (11). Abetment of, or attempt to commit (when such attempt is an offence), any of the foregoing offences.

Power to invest Magistrates with power to try summarily.

Power to invest Bench of Magistrates invested with first class Magisterial powers.

Power to invest Bench of Magistrates invested with less power.

following offences :—

Offences coming within sections two hundred and seventy-seven, two hundred and seventy-eight, two hundred and seventy-nine, two hundred and eighty-five, two hundred and eighty-six, two hundred and eighty-nine, two hundred and ninety, two hundred and ninety-two, two hundred and ninety-three, two hundred and ninety-four, three hundred and twenty-three, three hundred and thirty-four, three hundred and thirty-six, three hundred and forty-one, three hundred and fifty-two, four hundred and twenty-six, and four hundred and forty-seven of the Indian Penal Code ; any offences against Municipal Acts, and the Conservancy Clauses of Police Acts punishable with fine or with imprisonment not exceeding one month.

Procedure for summons and warrant cases applicable with certain exceptions.

227. In cases where no appeal lies, the Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates need not record the evidence of the witnesses nor the reasons for passing the judgment, nor draw up a formal charge, but he or they shall enter in a register, to be kept for the purpose, the following particulars :—

- (a) The serial number ;
- (b) The date of the commission of the offence ;
- (c) The date of the report or complaint ;
- (d) The name of the complainant ;
- (e) The name, parentage, and residence of the accused person ;
- (f) The offence complained of or proved ;
- (g) The prisoner's plea ;
- (h) The finding, and, in the case of a conviction, a brief statement of the reasons therefor ;
- (i) The sentence ; and
- (j) The date on which the proceedings terminated.

228. If a Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates, acting under section two hundred and twenty-two, two hundred and twenty-three, or two hundred and twenty-four, passes a sentence of more than three months' imprisonment, or of fine exceeding two hundred rupees ;

• or if a Bench of Magistrates, acting under section two hundred and twenty-five, convicts any person,

such Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates shall, before passing sentence, record a judgment embodying the substance of the evidence on which the conviction was had, and also the particulars mentioned in section two hundred and twenty-seven.

Such judgment shall be the only record in cases coming within this section.

229. Records made under section two hundred and twenty-seven and judgments recorded under section two hundred and twenty-eight, shall be written by the presiding officer, either in English or in the language of the district in which the trial was held, or, by direction of the Court to which such presiding officer is immediately subordinate, in the language of the presiding officer.

230. The Local Government may authorize any Bench of Magistrates, empowered to try offences summarily, to prepare the aforesaid record or judgment by means of an officer of such Court, and the record or judgment so prepared shall be signed by each member of such Bench present conducting the proceedings.

CHAPTER XIX.

TRIAL BY COURT OF SESSION.

231. No Court of Session shall take cognizance of any offence, as a Court of original criminal jurisdiction, unless the accused person has been committed by a Magistrate duly empowered in that behalf, except in the cases referred to in section four hundred and seventy-two.

Cognizance of offences by Court of Session.

232. All trials before the Court of Session shall be either by jury, or conducted with the aid of two or more assessors.

233. The Local Government may order that the trial of all offences, or of any particular class of offences, before any Court of Session, shall be by jury, in any District; and such Local Government may from time to time revoke or alter such order.

Orders passed under this section shall be published in the official Gazette, and in such other manner as the Local Government from time to time directs.

EXPLANATION.—If an offence triable with assessors is tried by a jury the trial shall not on that ground merely be invalid. If an offence triable by a jury is tried with assessors, the trial shall not on that ground merely be invalid, unless objection be taken before the Court records its finding.

234. Criminal trials before the Court of Session in which a European (not being a European British subject) or an American, is the accused person, or one of the accused persons, shall be by jury.

In such case the jury, if such European or American desire it, shall consist of at least one-half of Europeans, whether European British subjects or not, or Americans, if such a jury can be procured:

Provided that, in any District in which the Local Government has not ordered that all trials before the Court of Session, or trials for all offences of the class within which the trial about to take place falls, shall be by jury, such European or American may elect to be tried without jury.

Election to be tried without jury.

235. In every trial before a Court of Session, the prosecution shall be conducted by the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader, or by some other officer specially empowered by the Magistrate of the District in that behalf.

236. In trials by jury before the Court of Session, the jury shall consist of such uneven number, not being less than three nor more than nine, as the Local Government, by any general order applicable to any particular District or to any particular classes of offences in that District, directs.

237. When the Court is ready to commence the trial, the accused person shall be brought before it, and the charge shall be read and explained to him, and he shall be asked whether he is guilty of the offence charged, or claims to be tried.

Commencement of trial.

Plea of guilty. If the accused person pleads guilty, the plea shall be recorded, and he may be convicted thereon.

238. If the accused person refuses to, or does not plead, or if he claims to be tried, the Court shall proceed to choose jurors or assessors as hereinafter directed, and to try the case.

Assessors how chosen. 239. When the trial is to be with assessors, the assessors shall be chosen, as the Judge thinks fit, from the persons summoned to act as assessors.

Jurors to be chosen by lot. 240. When the trial is to be by jury, the jury shall be chosen by lot from the persons summoned to act as jurors.

241. In a trial by jury before the Court of Session of a person not being a European or an American, at least one-half of the jury, shall, if the accused person desire it, consist of persons who are neither Europeans nor Americans.

242. In any case before the Court of Session, in which a European or American is charged jointly with a person of any other race, such other person shall, if he desire it, be tried separately if the European or American claims to be tried by a jury consisting of at least one-half of Europeans and Americans.

243. As each juror is chosen, his name shall be called aloud, and, upon his appearance, the accused person shall be asked if he objects to be tried by such juror.

Objection may then be made to such juror by the accused person or by the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader, or other person appointed to conduct the prosecution, and the grounds of objection shall be stated.

Any objection made to a juror shall be decided by the Court, and the decision of the Court shall be final.

If an objection be allowed, the place of such juror shall be supplied by any other juror attending in obedience to a summons; or, if there be no such juror present, then by any other person present in the Court whose name is on the list of jurors, or whom the Court considers a proper person to serve on the jury, provided no objection to such juror or other person be made and allowed.

244. Any objection taken to a juror on any of the following grounds, if made out to the satisfaction of the Court, shall be allowed:—

- (1) any ground of disqualification within section four hundred and five;
- (2) standing in the relation of husband, master or servant, landlord or tenant, to the person alleged to be injured or attempted to be injured by the offence charged, or to the person on whose complaint the prosecution was instituted, or to the person accused;
- (3) being in the employment of any of such persons;
- (4) being plaintiff or defendant against any of such persons in any civil suit;
- (5) having complained against, or having been accused by any of such persons in any criminal prosecution;
- (6) any circumstance which, in the judgment of the Court, is likely to cause prejudice against, or favor to, any of such persons, or which renders such person improper as a juror.

245. The Judge shall not allow any person to serve on the jury, unless such person understands the language in which the evidence is given or interpreted.

246. When the jury has been completed, they shall appoint one of their number to be foreman.

It shall be the duty of the foreman to preside in the debates of the jury, to deliver the verdict of the jury, and to ask any information from the Court that may be required by the jury.

If a majority of the jury do not agree in the appointment of a foreman, he shall be named by the Court.

247. The witnesses shall then be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined according to the law for the time being relating to the examination of witnesses.

Examination of accused before Magistrate to be evidence.

248. The examination of the accused person before the committing Magistrate shall be given in evidence at the trial.

249. When a witness is produced before the Court of Session, or High Court, the evidence given at the preliminary inquiry admissible. evidence given by him before the committing Magistrate may be referred to by the Court if it was duly taken in the presence of the accused person, and the Court may, if it think fit, ground its judgment thereon, although the witnesses may at the trial make statements inconsistent therewith.

EXPLANATION.—This section shall not authorize the Court to refer to the record of the evidence given by a witness who is absent, except in the cases in which such evidence may be referred to under the Indian Evidence Act or other law in force for the time being upon the subject of evidence.

250. The Court may, from time to time, at any stage of the trial, examine the accused person, and shall question him generally on the case after the witnesses for the prosecution have been examined, and before he is called on for his defence.

251. When the examination of the witnesses for the prosecution and the examination of the accused person is concluded, the accused person shall be asked whether he means to call witnesses. If he says that he does not, the prosecutor may sum up his case. The Court may then, if it thinks that there are no grounds for proceeding,

in a case tried with assessors, record a finding, or in a case tried by a jury, instruct the jury to return a verdict of acquittal.

If the Court considers that there are grounds for proceeding, it shall call on the accused person to state his grounds of defence and produce his witnesses.

The accused person or his counsel or authorized agent may then state the case for the defence, and may examine the witnesses, if any, produced for the defence, and at the conclusion of such examination may sum up his case.

Prosecutor's right of reply. **252. If any evidence is adduced on behalf of the accused person, the officer conducting the prosecution shall be entitled to reply.**

253. Whenever, in the opinion of the Court, it is proper and convenient that the jury or assessors should view the place, in which the offence charged is said to have been committed, or any other place in which any other transaction material to the inquiry in the trial took place, an order shall be made to that effect, and the jury or assessors shall be conducted in a body, under the care of an officer of the Court, to such place which shall be shown to them by a person appointed by the Court.

Such officer shall not suffer any other person to speak to, or hold any communication with, any of the jury or assessors; and they shall, when the view is finished, be immediately conducted back into Court.

254. If, in the course of a trial by jury at any time prior to the finding any juror, from any sufficient cause, is prevented from attending through the trial,

or if any juror absents himself, and it is not possible to enforce his attendance, a new juror shall be added, or the jury shall be discharged, and a new jury empanelled, and in either case the trial shall commence anew.

Assessor's opinion and charge to jury. **255. When the case for the defence and the prosecutor's reply, if any, are concluded, the Court shall proceed—**

in cases tried with assessors, to ask the assessors their opinion, and shall record it: in cases tried by jury, to charge the jury, summing up the evidence for the prosecution and defence, and laying down the law by which the jury are to be guided.

A statement of the Judge's direction to the jury shall form part of the record.

256. It is the duty of the Judge to decide all questions of law, and especially all questions as to the relevancy of facts which it is proposed to prove, the admissibility of evidence or the propriety of questions asked by parties or their agents which may arise in the course of the trial; and, in his discretion, to prevent the production of inadmissible evidence, whether it is or is not objected to by the parties;

to decide upon the meaning and construction of all documents given in evidence at the trial;

to decide upon all matters of fact which it may be necessary to prove in order to enable evidence of particular matters to be given ;

to decide whether any question which arises is for himself or for the jury ; and upon this point his decision shall be final.

The Judge may, if he thinks proper, in the course of his summing up, express to the jury his opinion upon any question of fact, or upon any question of mixed law and fact relevant to the proceeding.

Illustrations.

(a.) It is proposed to prove a statement made by a person not called as a witness under circumstances which render evidence of his statement admissible.

It is for the Judge and not for the jury to decide whether the existence of those circumstances has been proved.

(b.) It is proposed to give secondary evidence of a document, the original of which is alleged to have been lost or destroyed.

It is the duty of the Judge to decide whether the original has been lost or destroyed.

Duty of jury.

257. It is the duty of the jury—

(1) to decide which view of the facts is true, and then to return the verdict which under such view ought, according to the direction of the Judge, to be returned ;

(2) to determine the meaning of all technical terms and words used in an unusual sense which it may be necessary to determine, whether such words occur in documents or not ;

(3) to decide all questions declared by the Indian Penal Code, or any other law to be questions of fact ;

(4) to decide whether general indefinite expressions do or do not apply to particular cases, unless such expressions refer to legal procedure or unless their meaning is ascertained by law, in either of which cases it is the duty of the Judge to decide their meaning.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is tried for the murder of B.

It is the duty of the Judge to explain to the jury the distinction between murder and culpable homicide, and to tell them under what views of the facts A ought to be convicted of murder, or of culpable homicide, or to be acquitted.

It is the duty of the jury to decide which view of the facts is true, and to return a verdict in accordance with the direction of the Judge, whether that direction is right or wrong, and whether they do or do not agree with it.

(b.) The question is whether a person entertained a reasonable belief on a particular point. Whether work was done with reasonable skill, or due diligence.

Each of these is a question for the jury.

258. If a juryman or assessor is personally acquainted with any relevant fact, it is

When juryman or assessor may be examined. his duty to inform the Judge that such is the case, whereupon he may be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined in the same manner as any other witness.

259. If, in the course of a trial with the aid of assessors, at any time prior to the

Procedure when assessor is unable to attend. finding, any assessor is, from any sufficient cause, prevented from attending through the trial, the trial shall proceed with the aid of the other assessor or assessors.

If all the assessors are prevented from attending through the trial, the proceedings shall be stayed, and a new trial shall be held with the aid of fresh assessors.

260. If a trial is adjourned, the jury or assessors shall be required to attend at

Jury or assessors to attend at adjourned sitting. the adjourned sitting, and at every subsequent sitting, until the conclusion of the trial.

261. In cases tried with assessors, the Court shall proceed to pass judgment of

Cases tried with assessors. acquittal or conviction, having considered the opinions of the assessors, but not being bound to conform to them. If the accused person is convicted, the Court shall proceed to pass sentence on him according to law.

262. The opinion of each assessor shall be given orally and shall be recorded in

Decision vested in Judge. writing by the Court ; but the decision is vested exclusively in the Judge.

* 263. In cases tried by jury, the jury may retire to consider their verdict. It shall be the duty of an officer of the Court not to suffer any person to speak to or hold any communication with any member of such jury. When the jury have considered their verdict, the foreman shall inform the Court what is their verdict, or what is the verdict of a majority.

Verdict to be given on each charge.

Judge may question jury.

The jury shall return a verdict on all the charges on which the accused is tried, and the Court may ask them such questions as are necessary to ascertain what their verdict is. Such questions and the answers to them shall be recorded.

If the jury are not unanimous, the Judge may require them to retire for further consideration. After such a period as the Judge considers reasonable, the jury may deliver their verdict, although they are not unanimous.

If the Court does not think it necessary to dissent from the verdict of a majority of the jurors, it shall give judgment accordingly. If the accused person is acquitted, the Court shall record judgment of acquittal. If the accused is convicted, the Court shall proceed to pass sentence on him according to law.

If the Court disagrees with the verdict of the jurors or of a majority of such jurors, and considers it necessary for the ends of justice to do so, it may submit the case to the High Court, and may either remand the prisoner to custody or admit him to bail.

The High Court shall deal with the case so submitted as with an appeal, but it may convict the accused person on the facts, and if it does so, shall pass such sentence as might have been passed by the Court of Session.

Adjournment.

Postponement of trial.

264. The Court may, in its discretion, postpone the hearing of the case; and may, from time to time, adjourn the trial if it considers that such adjournment is proper and will promote the ends of justice.

The same jury or assessors may try in succession several offenders.

265. The same jury may try, or the same assessors may aid in the trial of, as many accused persons successively as to the Court seems fit.

PART VI.

APPEAL, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

CHAPTER XX.

APPEALS.

266. Any person convicted on a trial held by any Magistrate of the second or third class, or any person sentenced by a competent Magistrate of the second class under section forty-six, may appeal to the Magistrate of the District, or to a Magistrate of the first class who has been empowered by the Local Government to hear such appeals.

267. Any person required by a Magistrate of the first class to give security for good behaviour, under section five hundred and four or section five hundred and five, may appeal to the Magistrate of the District.

268. Any person convicted by any Civil, Criminal, or Revenue Court, under Chapter XXXII of this Act, may appeal to the Court to which decrees or orders made in such Court are ordinarily appealable, whatever may be the amount of the sentence passed, subject to the rules provided in sections two hundred and seventy-five, two hundred and seventy-seven, two hundred and seventy-eight, two hundred and eighty, two hundred and eighty-one, and two hundred and eighty-two.

An appeal from such conviction by a Small Cause Court may be made to the Court of Session within whose Sessions Division such Court is situate.

269. Any person convicted on a trial held by the Magistrate of the District or other Magistrate of the first class, or any person sentenced under section forty-six by a competent Magistrate of the first class, may appeal to the Court of Session.

The appellant shall in every case give notice of appeal to the Magistrate of the District, who shall, if necessary, instruct the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader or other officer empowered by Government or by the Magistrate of the District to prosecute the case.

270. Any person, convicted on a trial held by any officer invested with the power described in section thirty-six, may appeal to the High Court, if it appear from the sentence awarded that such officer was in such trial exercising such special powers. No appeal in such case shall lie to the Court of Session.

Appeals by persons convicted by officers invested under section 86.

Any person convicted by an Assistant Sessions Judge may appeal to the Sessions Judge if the sentence appealed against does not exceed three years' imprisonment.

A sentence of an Assistant Sessions Judge confirmed, under section eighteen, by the Sessions Judge may be appealed to the High Court.

Appeals by persons convicted by Session Court.

271. Any person convicted on a trial held by a Sessions Judge may appeal to the High Court.

The appeal may be on a matter of fact as well as on a matter of law.

If the conviction was in a trial by jury, the appeal shall be admissible on a matter of law only.

If such person be sentenced to death, the Sessions Court shall inquire whether he wishes to appeal, and if he signifies his intention to appeal, the Court shall inform him that his appeal must be made within seven days, and shall delay the transmission of the reference, hereinafter required, for a reasonable time, not exceeding seven days, to allow of the appeal and reference being made at the same time.

When it appears that the execution of the sentence should not be delayed, the Sessions Court may record its reasons and forward the reference at once.

In no case requiring confirmation shall the High Court grant a longer delay than is herein allowed for the presentation of an appeal.

Where the reasons given by the Sessions Court for forwarding the reference at once are sufficient, the High Court shall decide the case in the absence of an appeal.

When, under the provision of the law in force, judgment or orders made or passed by the High Court are made or passed, either in appeal, reference or revision, by a Court consisting of more than one Judge, any difference of opinion shall be settled by adding, when the High Court is composed of more than two Judges, and the Court is equally divided, one or more Judges, and in such event the judgment or order shall follow the opinion of the majority of the Judges.

272. The Local Government may direct an appeal by the Public Prosecutor or other officer, specially or generally appointed in this behalf, from an original or appellate judgment of acquittal; but in no other case shall there be an appeal from a judgment of acquittal passed in any Criminal Court.

No appeal in case of acquittal, except on behalf of Government.

Such appeal shall lie to the High Court, and the rules of limitation shall not apply to appeals presented under this section.

The High Court may in any case so appealed direct a new trial by another Court, or may pass such judgment, sentence, or order as may be warranted by law.

273. There shall be no appeal in cases in which a Court of Session, or the Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the first class, passes a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding one month only, or of fine not exceeding fifty rupees only, or of whipping only.

There shall be no appeal from a sentence of imprisonment passed by such Court or officer in default of payment of fine when no substantive sentence of imprisonment has been passed.

Where an accused person has been convicted on his own plea, whether on a trial with assessors or by jury, there is no appeal, except as to the extent or legality of the sentence.

274. There shall be no appeal in cases tried summarily in which a Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the first class, empowered to act under section two hundred and twenty-two, two hundred and twenty-three, or two hundred and twenty-four, passes a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding three months only, or of fine not exceeding two hundred rupees only, or of whipping only.

Appeals from summary convictions.

An appeal may be brought against any sentence referred to in section two hundred and seventy-three or two hundred and seventy-four, by which any two or more of the punishments therein mentioned are combined, but not against a sentence in which imprisonment is awarded in default of payment of fine and in addition thereto.

Nor against any sentence which would not otherwise be liable to appeal because the person convicted is ordered to find security to keep the peace.

The provisions of this and the last preceding section shall not apply to appeals from orders passed on European British subjects under section seventy-four or seventy-six.

275. Every petition of appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the judgment or order appealed against.

276. A copy of the judgment or other order passed by any Criminal Court, and, in cases tried by jury, of the Judge's charge to the jury, shall be furnished without delay on the application of any person affected by such sentence or order.

Such copy shall be made at the expense of the person applying for it, unless he is in jail, or unless the Court, for some special reason, sees fit to grant such copy free of expense.

277. If the party appealing be in jail, he shall be at liberty to present his petition of appeal and the copy of the judgment or order appealed against to the Magistrate or other officer in charge of the jail, who shall thereupon forward the petition to the proper appellate authority.

278. The Appellate Court shall fix a reasonable time within which the appellant or his counsel or authorized agent may appear, and it may reject the appeal if, on a perusal of the petition of appeal and the copy of the judgment or order appealed against, and after hearing the appellant or his counsel or authorized agent, if he appears, it considers that there is no sufficient ground for questioning the correctness of the decision or for interfering with the sentence or order appealed against.

Before rejecting the appeal, the Court may call for and peruse all or any part of that proceedings of the lower Court, but shall not be bound to do so.

279. If the Appellate Court decide to hear the appeal, it shall cause notice to be given to the appellant, and, if the appeal be to the Session or High Court, shall also give notice to the Magistrate of the District, who shall inform, if necessary, the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader or other officer empowered by Government on that behalf, of the day on which such appeal will be heard.

280. The Appellate Court, after perusing the proceedings of the lower Court, and after hearing the appellant, his counsel or agent, if they appear, and the Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader, or other officer empowered by Government or by the Magistrate of the District in that behalf, if he appears, may alter or reverse the finding and sentence or order of such Court, and may, if it see reason to do so, enhance any punishment that has been awarded:

Provided that if the appeal is from the sentence of a Magistrate of any class the Appellate Court shall not inflict a greater punishment than might have been inflicted by a Magistrate of the first class.

281. If any case, in which an appeal is allowed, the Appellate Court may, pending the appeal, order that the sentence be suspended, and if the appellant be in confinement for an offence which is bailable, may order that he be released on bail.

The period during which the sentence is suspended shall be omitted in reckoning the completion of the punishment.

282. In any case, in which an appeal has been allowed, the Appellate Court, if it thinks further inquiry or additional evidence upon any point bearing upon the guilt or innocence of the appellant to be necessary may either make such further inquiry and take such additional evidence itself or may direct such inquiry to be made and additional evidence to be taken.

If the Appellate Court takes further evidence and passes judgment and sentence, no fresh right of appeal arises in respect of such sentence.

When the evidence has not been taken before itself, the result of the further inquiry and the additional evidence shall be certified to the Appellate Court, and such Court shall thereupon proceed to dispose of the appeal.

Unless the Appellate Court otherwise directs, the presence of the appellant may be dispensed with when the further inquiry is made or evidence taken.

The provisions of this Act relating to summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses and their examination shall, so far as may be, apply to witnesses examined under this section.

283. No finding or sentence passed by a Court of competent jurisdiction shall be reversed or altered on appeal on account of any error or defect, either in the charge or in the proceedings on or before trial, or on account of the improper admission or rejection of any evidence, or by any misdirection in any charge to a jury, unless such error or defect has occasioned a failure of justice, either by affecting the due conduct of the prosecution, or by prejudicing the prisoner in his defence.

No irregularity in the proceedings up to trial is a sufficient ground for reversing any judgment, sentence, or order made or passed in a trial properly held.

In case the accused person has been sentenced to a larger amount of punishment than could have been awarded for the offence, which, in the judgment of the Appellate Court, is proved by the evidence, the Appellate Court may reduce the punishment within the limits prescribed by the Indian Penal Code or any law for the time being in force for such offence.

284. When any Court has convicted a person of an offence not triable by such Court, the Appellate Court shall annul the conviction and sentence of such Court, and direct the trial of the case by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

285. Judgments, sentences, and orders passed by an Appellate Court upon appeal shall be final, except in the cases provided for in sections two hundred and seventy-two and two hundred and ninety-seven.

286. No appeal shall lie from any judgment, sentence, or order of a Criminal Court, except in the cases provided for by this Act or by any law for the time being in force.

Illustrations.

(a.) There is no appeal against an order refusing to grant compensation, or to grant an enhanced award.

(b.) There is no appeal against an order of a competent Magistrate dismissing a complaint.

(c.) There is no appeal against an order requiring a person to furnish security to keep the peace.

(d.) There is no appeal against an order requiring a person to furnish security to be of good behaviour, when such order is passed by the Magistrate of the District.

(e.) There is no appeal against an order passed under Chapter XXXIX; nor against a report by a jury under that chapter.

(f.) There is no appeal against an order of maintenance.

(g.) There is no appeal against an order placing a name on the jury list.

(h.) There is no appeal against an order by a Court of Session fining a juror or an assessor for non-attendance.

(i.) There is no appeal against the order of a competent Court refusing to order a commitment.

(j.) There is no appeal against an interlocutory order such as a claim to appear by agent.

(k.) There is no appeal from an order to pay compensation under section 22 of Act I of 1871

(An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to trespasses by cattle).

CHAPTER XXI.

REFERENCE.

287. If the Court of Session pass sentence of death, the proceedings shall be referred to the High Court, and the sentence shall not be executed without its confirmation by the High Court.

If the accused person is convicted of an offence punishable with death, and the Court sentences him to any punishment other than death, the Court shall, in its judgment, state the reason why sentence of death was not passed.

288. In any case so referred, whether tried with assessors or by jury, the High Court may either confirm the sentence, or pass any other sentence warranted by law, or may annul the conviction and order a new trial on the same or an amended charge, or may acquit the accused person.

Power of High Court to confirm sentence or annul conviction.

289. If the High Court think further inquiry or additional evidence upon any point bearing upon the guilt or innocence of the accused person to be necessary, it may direct such inquiry to be made, or such additional evidence to be taken.

Power to direct further inquiry, &c.

Unless the Court of Reference otherwise directs, the presence of the convicted person may be dispensed with when the further inquiry is made or evidence taken, and neither under this section nor under section two hundred and eighty-two is such inquiry to be made or evidence taken in the presence of jurors or assessors.

The result of the further inquiry and the additional evidence shall be certified to the High Court, and the High Court shall thereupon proceed to pass judgment of acquittal, or to confirm the sentence, or to pass such sentence as it thinks fit.

290. In every case so referred to the High Court, the confirmation of the sentence, or any new sentence or order passed by the High Court, shall, when such High Court consists of two or more Judges, be determined and signed by at least two Judges of such Court.

Confirmation or new sentence to be signed by two Judges.

291. When a High Court of reference, revision, or appeal, consists of a single Judge, such Judge shall have all the powers conferred upon two or more Judges of the High Court by this chapter.

When High Court consists of one Judge.

CHAPTER XXII.

SUPERINTENDENCE AND REVISION.

Power of High Court to make rules.

292. The High Court may make and issue general rules—

for keeping all books, entries, and accounts to be kept in all Criminal Courts subordinate to it, and

for the preparation and transmission of any calendars or statements to be prepared and submitted by such Courts ;

and may also frame forms (when not prescribed by this Act) for every proceeding in the said Courts for which it thinks that a form should be provided,

and from time to time may alter any such rule or form :

and, with the concurrence of the Local Government, may make and issue general rules for regulating the practice and proceedings of all Criminal Courts subordinate to it, and, with the like sanction, may alter any such rule :

and a High Court not established by Royal Charter may, with the concurrence of the Local Government, make and issue rules for regulating the practice and proceedings of that Court, and, with the like sanction, may alter any such rule :

Provided that such rules and forms be not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or of any other law in force for the time being.

All rules framed by the Court and all repeals and alterations thereof under this section, shall be published in the official Gazette.

293. All Subordinate Courts shall send to the High Court such periodical statements or calendars, of trials held by such Courts, as the High Court prescribes, exhibiting the offences charged, the offences of which the accused persons are convicted, and the sentences or orders passed upon them.

Calendars of trials by Subordinate Courts.

294. The High Court may call for and examine the record of any case tried by any Subordinate Court for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the legality or propriety of any sentence or order passed, and as to the regularity of the proceedings of such Court.

Power to call for records of Subordinate Courts.

295. Any Court of Session or Magistrate of the District may, at all times, call for and examine the record of any Court subordinate to such Court or Magistrate, for the purpose of satisfying itself or himself as to the legality of any sentence or order passed, and as to the regularity of the proceedings of such Subordinate Court.

Powers of Courts of Session and Magistrate to call for record of Subordinate Courts.

For the purposes of this section, every Magistrate in a Sessions Division shall be deemed to be subordinate to the Sessions Judge of the Division.

296. If the Court of Session or Magistrate of the District is of opinion that the judgment or order is contrary to law, or that the punishment is too severe or is inadequate, such Court or Magistrate may report the proceedings for the orders of the High Court :

Report to High Court.

Provided that in session cases if a Court of Session or Magistrate of the District considers that a complaint has been improperly dismissed or that an accused person has been improperly discharged by a Subordinate Court, such Court or Magistrate may direct the accused person to be committed for trial.

297. If, in any case either called for by itself or reported for orders, or which comes to its knowledge, it appears to the High Court that there has been a material error in any judicial proceeding of any Court subordinate to it, it shall pass such judgment, sentence or order thereon as it thinks fit.

Powers of revision.

Power to order commitment.

If it considers that the charge has been inconveniently framed, and that the facts of the case show that the prisoner ought to have been convicted of an offence other than that of which he was convicted, it shall pass sentence for the offence of which he ought to have been convicted ;

Power to alter finding and sentence.

Provided that if the error in the charge appears materially to have misled and prejudiced the accused person in his defence, the High Court shall annul the conviction and remand the case to the Court below with an amended charge, and the Court below shall thereupon proceed as if it had itself amended such charge.

Proviso to power of altering finding.

If the High Court considers that any person convicted by a Magistrate has committed an offence not triable by such Magistrate, it may annul the trial and order a new trial before a competent Court.

Power to annul conviction.

If it considers that the sentence passed on the accused person is one which cannot legally be passed for the offence of which the accused person has been convicted or might have been legally convicted upon the facts of the case, it shall annul such sentence and pass a sentence in accordance with law.

Power to annul improper and to pass proper sentence.

If it considers that the sentence passed is too severe, it may pass any lesser sentence warranted by law ; if it considers that the sentence is inadequate, it may pass a proper sentence.

The High Court may, whenever it thinks fit, order that the sentence, in any case coming before it as a Court of Revision, be suspended ; and that any person imprisoned under such sentence be released on bail, if the offence for which such person has been imprisoned be bailable.

Suspension of sentence.

Except as provided in sections three hundred and twenty-eight and three hundred and ninety-eight, no Court, other than the High Court, shall alter any sentence or order of any Subordinate Court except upon appeal by the parties concerned.

Powers of revision confined to High Court.

No person has any right to be heard before any High Court, in the exercise of its power of revision, either personally or by agent, but the High Court may, if it thinks fit, hear such person either personally or by agent.

Optional with Court to hear parties.

298. The High Court, the Court of Session, or the Magistrate of the District may order any subordinate Court to inquire into any complaint which has been dismissed under section one hundred and forty-seven.

Courts may order inquiry.

299. Whenever a case is revised by the High Court under this chapter, it shall certify its decision or order to the Court in which the conviction was had or by which the order was passed ; or if the conviction or order was passed by a Magistrate other than the Magistrate of the District, to the Magistrate of the District.

Order on revision to be certified to lower Court or District Magistrate.

The Court or Magistrate to which the High Court certifies its order shall thereupon make such orders as are conformable to the decision of the High Court, and, if necessary, the record shall be amended in accordance therewith.

In cases revised by the High Court under this chapter, the High Court shall not alter or reverse the sentence or order of the Court below, except as herein provided, nor shall

it reverse or set aside the verdict of a jury, unless it is of opinion that the jury was misdirected by the Judge. In that case it may set aside the verdict and direct a new trial, if it think fit to do so.

Provisions of section 283 to apply.

300. The provisions of section two hundred and eighty-three shall apply to revision orders under this chapter.

PART VII.

EXECUTION.

CHAPTER XXIII.

301. In cases referred by the Court of Session for the confirmation of a sentence of death by the High Court, the proper officer of the High Court shall without delay, after the order of confirmation or other order has been made by the High Court, send a copy of the order under the seal of the High Court, and attested with his official signature, to the Court of Session.

Such Court shall, if the sentence be confirmed or commuted, issue a warrant to the officer in charge of the jail in which the prisoner is confined, to cause the sentence or order to be carried into execution ; or, in the case of any other orders, shall cause such orders to be carried into effect.

Court of Session to send copy of finding and sentence to District Magistrate.

302. In cases tried by the Court of Session, the Court shall forward a copy of its finding and sentence to the Magistrate of the District in which the trial was held.

If the accused person is sentenced to transportation, imprisonment, or whipping, the Court shall forthwith forward him, with a warrant for the execution of the sentence, to the officer in charge of the jail of the district in which the trial was held.

The warrant shall state the offence of which the accused person has been convicted and the period during which he is to be transported or imprisoned and the nature of the imprisonment or other punishment.

In cases tried by any Court inferior to a Court of Session, the Court passing the sentence shall forthwith forward the accused person, with a similar warrant for the execution of the sentence, to the officer in charge of the jail of the district in which the trial was held.

303. Every warrant for the commitment of a person to custody shall be in writing and signed and sealed by the Judge or Magistrate who issues it, and shall be directed to some jailor or other officer or person having authority to receive and keep prisoners, and shall be in the Form (C or D as the case may be) given in the second schedule to this Act or to the like effect.

Warrant with whom to be lodged.

304. The warrant of commitment shall be lodged with the jailor, if he be in the jail ; and if he be not in the jail, with his deputy.

If the jailor has no deputy, the warrant may be lodged with any officer of the jail then being in the jail.

305. Upon the receipt of a warrant under section three hundred and one or three hundred and two, the officer in charge of the jail shall cause the sentence to be executed, and shall return the warrant, when the sentence has been fully executed, to the Court from which it issued, with an endorsement under his signature, certifying the manner in which the sentence has been executed.

Postponement of capital sentence on pregnant woman.

306. If a woman sentenced to death be found to be pregnant, the High Court shall order the execution of the sentence to be postponed, and may commute the sentence.

307. Whenever an offender is sentenced to pay a fine, the Court which sentences him may issue a warrant for the levy of the amount by distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the offender, whether or not the offence be punishable with fine only, and whether or not the sentence direct that, in default of payment of the fine, the offender shall suffer imprisonment.

Levy of fine.

Such warrant may be executed within the jurisdiction of the Court that issued it, and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the offender without the jurisdiction of the said Court, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated.

This section shall not apply to cases in which any special procedure is laid down by Section to what cases any special or local law in force for the time being for the recovery applicable. of any fine, but shall apply to cases in which no such procedure is laid down, and to all fines not levied when this Act comes into force, but which might have been levied under this section if it had been in force when they were imposed.

Who may issue warrant. The warrant may be issued either by the Judge or Magistrate who passes the sentence or by his successor in office.

308. Whenever a Criminal Court imposes a fine under any law in force for the time being, or confirms in appeal or revision a sentence of such fine, or a sentence of which such fine forms a part, the Court may order the whole or any part of the fine to be paid in compensation,

(1) for expenses properly incurred in the prosecution,

(2) for the offence complained of, where such offence can, in the opinion of the Court, be compensated by money.

Such payment shall be made, as the Court thinks fit, to or for the benefit of the complainant, or the person injured, or both.

If the fine be awarded by a Court whose decision is subject to appeal or revision, the amount awarded shall not be paid until the period prescribed for presentation of the appeal has elapsed, or, if an appeal be presented, till after the decision of the appeal.

In any subsequent civil proceedings relating to the same matter, the Court shall take into account any sum which may have been awarded under this section.

309. In every case punishable, under any law in force for the time being, with imprisonment in default of payment of fine, in which the offender is sentenced to a fine, whether with or without imprisonment, the Criminal Courts shall be guided by the provisions of sections sixty-four and sixty-five of the Indian Penal Code in awarding the period of imprisonment in default of payment of the fine :

Provided that, in no case decided by a Magistrate, where imprisonment shall have been awarded as part of the substantive sentence, shall the period of imprisonment, awarded in default of payment of the fine, exceed one-fourth of the period of imprisonment which such Magistrate is competent to inflict as punishment for the offence otherwise than as imprisonment in default of payment of the fine.

Where a person is sentenced to fine only, the Magistrate may award such term of imprisonment in default of payment of fine as is allowed by law, provided the amount does not exceed the Magistrate's powers under this Act.

310. When the punishment of whipping is awarded in addition to imprisonment, by a Court whose sentence is open to revision by a superior Court, the whipping shall not be inflicted until fifteen days from the date of such sentence, or, if an appeal be made within that time, until the sentence is confirmed by the superior Court : but the whipping shall be inflicted immediately on the expiry of the fifteen days, or, in case of an appeal, immediately on the receipt of the order of the Appellate Court confirming the sentence.

311. In the case of a person of or over sixteen years of age, the punishment of whipping shall be inflicted with such instrument, in such mode, and on such part of the person as the Local Government directs ; and, in the case of a person under sixteen years of age, it shall be inflicted in the way of school discipline with a light ratan.

In no case, if the cat-of-nine-tails be the instrument employed, shall the punishment of whipping exceed one hundred and fifty lashes, or, if the ratan be employed, shall the punishment exceed thirty stripes.

The punishment shall be inflicted in the presence of a Magistrate, and also, unless the Court which passed the sentence otherwise orders, in the presence of a Medical Officer.

312. No sentence of whipping shall be carried into execution unless a Medical Officer, if present, certifies, or, if there is not a Medical Officer present, unless it appears to the Magistrate present, that the offender is in a fit state of health to undergo the punishment.

• If, during the execution of a sentence of whipping, a Medical Officer certifies, or it appears to the Magistrate present, that the offender is not in a fit state of health to undergo the remainder of the punishment, the whipping shall be finally stopped.

Not to be executed by instalments.

No sentence of whipping shall be executed by instalments.

313. In any case in which, under section three hundred and twelve, a sentence of whipping is, wholly or partially, prevented from being carried into execution, the offender shall be kept in custody till the Court which passed the sentence can revise it; and the said Court may, at its discretion, either order the discharge of such offender, or sentence him, in lieu of whipping, or in lieu of so much of the sentence of whipping as was not carried out, to imprisonment for any period, which may be in addition to any other punishment to which he may have been sentenced for the same offence.

Provided that the whole period of imprisonment to which such offender is sentenced shall not exceed that to which he is liable by law, or that which the said Court is competent to award.

314. When a person is convicted at one trial of two or more offences punishable under the same or different sections of any law for the time being in force, the Court may sentence him, for the offences of which he has been convicted, to the several penalties prescribed by such enactment or enactments, which such Court is competent to inflict; such penalties when consisting of imprisonment or transportation, to commence the one after the expiration of the other.

It shall not be necessary for the Court, by reason only of the aggregate punishment for the several offences being in excess of the punishment which it is competent to inflict on conviction of a single offence, to send the offender for trial before a higher Court:

Maximum term of imprisonment.

Provided that in no case shall such person be sentenced to imprisonment for a longer period than fourteen years:

Provided also that, if the case be tried by a Magistrate (other than a Magistrate acting under section thirty-six), the punishment shall not in the aggregate exceed twice the amount of punishment which he is by his ordinary jurisdiction competent to inflict.

315. Whoever, having been convicted of an offence punishable under chapter XII or chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code with imprisonment for a term of three years or upwards, is again accused of any offence punishable under either of those chapters with imprisonment for a term of three years or upwards, shall ordinarily, if the Magistrate considers him an habitual offender, be committed to the Court of Session:

Provided that, in districts in which the Magistrate of the District has been invested with powers under section thirty-six, the accused person may be placed on his trial before such Magistrate of the District.

Proviso.

316. When sentence is passed on an escaped convict for such escape or for any other offence, the Court may direct the sentence to take effect immediately, or after such convict has suffered imprisonment or transportation, as the case may be, for a further period, equal to that which remained unexpired of his former sentence at the time of his escape.

Currency of sentence on escaped convicts.

317. When sentence is passed on a person already under sentence of imprisonment or transportation, and the sentence is for imprisonment or transportation, the Court shall direct that such imprisonment or transportation shall commence at the expiration of the imprisonment or transportation to which such person has been previously sentenced,

Sentence on offender already sentenced for another offence.

or, if he is undergoing a sentence of imprisonment, and the sentence, on such subsequent conviction, be for transportation, the Court may direct that the sentence shall commence immediately, or at the expiration of the imprisonment to which such person has been previously sentenced:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be held to excuse such person from any part of the punishment to which he is liable upon such former or subsequent conviction.

Proviso.

318. When any person, under the age of sixteen years, is sentenced by any Criminal

Confinement of youthful offenders in reformatories.

Court to imprisonment for any offence, such Court may direct that such offender, instead of being imprisoned in the criminal jail, shall be confined in any reformatory established by the Local Government as a fit place for confinement, in which there are means of suitable discipline and of training in some branch of useful industry, or which is kept by a person willing to obey such rules as the Government prescribes with regard to the discipline and training of persons confined therein.

All persons confined under this section shall be subject to the rules so prescribed by Government.

319. The Governor-General of India in Council may, from time to time, appoint

Governor-General in Council to appoint places to which persons sentenced to transportation may be sent.

Local Government to direct removal of such persons to places appointed.

Person sentenced to transportation while undergoing transportation under previous sentence need not be removed.

Sentence of death.

320. When sentence of transportation is passed on a person already undergoing transportation under a sentence previously passed

for another offence, it shall not be necessary for the Local Government to order his removal from the place in which he is so undergoing transportation.

321. When any person is sentenced to death, the sentence shall direct that he be hanged by the neck till he is dead.

322. When any person has been sentenced to punishment for an offence, the Governor-General of India in Council, or the Local Government, may, at any time, without conditions, or upon any conditions which the person sentenced accepts, remit the whole or any part of the punishment to which he has been sentenced.

If the person, to whom a pardon has been given, fails to fulfil the conditions prescribed by the Governor-General of India in Council, or the Local Government, the Governor-General of India in Council or the Local Government, as the case may be, may withdraw such pardon, whereupon such person shall be remanded to undergo the unexpired portion of his sentence.

The Governor-General of India in Council, or the Local Government, may also, without the consent of the person sentenced, in substitution for the sentence passed according to law, commute any one of the following sentences for any other mentioned after it—

death, transportation, penal servitude, imprisonment.

PART VIII.

EVIDENCE.

CHAPTER XXIV.

SPECIAL RULES OF EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES.

323. The examination of a Civil Surgeon or other medical witness, taken and duly attested by a Magistrate, may be given in evidence in any criminal trial although the person examined is not called as a witness.

Evidence of medical witness.

Court may summon medical witness.

The Court may summon such Civil Surgeon or other medical witness, if it sees sufficient cause for doing so.

324. If an accused person admits the commission of an offence before a Court competent to try him for such offence, such Court may convict him on his own admission.

Accused may be convicted on his own plea.

325. Any document purporting to be a report from the Chemical Examiner or Assistant Chemical Examiner to Government upon any matter or thing duly submitted to him for examination or analysis and report, in the course of any criminal trial, or in any preliminary inquiry relating thereto, may, if it bears his signature, be used as evidence in any criminal trial.

The Court may presume that the signature of any such document is genuine and that the person signing it held the office which he professed to hold at the time when he signed it.

326. Where a previous conviction or acquittal is to be proved against an accused person, application shall be made to the officer in whose custody the records of such trial may be. It shall not be necessary to produce the record of the conviction or acquittal of such accused person, or a copy thereof, but an extract may be produced in proof of such conviction or acquittal if certified, under the hand of the Clerk of the Court or other officer having the custody of the records of the Court in which such conviction or acquittal was had, or by the Deputy of such Clerk or officer, to be a copy of the charge, finding, and sentence, as the case may be.

327. If an accused person abscond, and after due pursuit cannot be arrested, any Court competent to try or to commit such accused person for trial for the offence complained of may, in his absence, record the statements of the persons acquainted with the facts; and such depositions may, on the arrest of such person, be put in on his trial for such offence, if it is not practicable to procure the attendance of such witnesses.

328. Whenever any Magistrate, after having heard part of the evidence in a case, ceases to exercise jurisdiction in such case and is succeeded by another Magistrate who has and who exercises jurisdiction in such case, such last-named Magistrate may decide the case on the evidence partly recorded by his predecessor and partly recorded by himself, or he may re-summon the witnesses and commence afresh:

Provided that the accused person may, when the second Magistrate commences his proceedings, demand that the witnesses shall be re-summoned and re-heard, in which case the trial shall be commenced afresh:

Provided also that any Court of Appeal or Revision, before which the case may be brought,

or, in cases tried by Magistrates subordinate to the Magistrate of the District, the Magistrate of the District, without appeal,

may set aside any conviction passed on evidence not wholly recorded by the Magistrate before whom the conviction was had, if such Court or Magistrate is of opinion that the accused person has been materially prejudiced thereby; and may order a new trial.

329. Whenever, from any cause, a Magistrate making an inquiry under Chapter XV of this Act, is unable to complete the proceedings himself, any other Magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire and to commit may complete the case and proceed as if he had recorded all the evidence himself.

330. Whenever it appears that the attendance of a witness cannot be procured without an amount of delay, expense, or inconvenience which under the circumstances of the case would be unreasonable, it shall be competent to a Court of Session or to a High Court to dispense with the personal attendance of such witness.

Such Court of Session or High Court may direct a commission to the Magistrate of the District, or to a Magistrate of the first class, in whose jurisdiction such witness may be. The Magistrate to whom the commission is directed shall proceed to the place where such witness is, or shall summon such witness before himself. Such Magistrate shall take the evidence of such witness in the same manner, and shall have for this purpose and may exercise the same powers, as in trials of warrant cases.

The prosecutor and the accused person may forward interrogatories to which the officer to whom the commission is directed shall cause a return to be made, or the prosecutor may appear personally before the Magistrate to whom the commission is directed, or the prosecutor or accused person may so appear by authorized agent.

Whenever, in the course of a trial before a Magistrate, it shall appear that a commission ought to be issued for the examination of a witness whose evidence is necessary in such trial, such Magistrate shall apply to the Court of Session to which he is subordinate, stating the reasons for the application; and such Court may either issue a commission in the manner hereinbefore provided, or may reject the application.

Procedure when commission is required in Magistrate's cases.

CHAPTER XXV.

EVIDENCE HOW TAKEN.

331. In all Criminal Courts, complainants and witnesses shall be examined upon oath or affirmation, or otherwise according to the provisions of the law for the time being in force in relation to the examination of witnesses.

Examination of complainants and witnesses.

332. In inquiries and trials (other than summary trials) under this Act, the evidence of the witnesses shall be recorded by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge, as the case may be, in the following manner.

Manner of recording evidence; *

333. In summons cases tried before Magistrates, and in cases of the kind referred to in section two hundred and twenty-two when tried by a Magistrate of the first or second class, otherwise than at a summary trial, the Magistrate shall make a memorandum of the substance of the evidence of each witness, as the examination of the witness proceeds.

in summons cases and in trials by Magistrates of the first and second classes of certain offences;

Such memorandum shall be written and signed by the Magistrate with his own hand, and shall form part of the record.

If the Magistrate is prevented from making a memorandum as above required, he shall record the reason of his inability to do so, and shall cause such memorandum to be made in writing from his dictation in open Court, and shall sign the same; and such memorandum shall form part of the record.

334. In all other cases before Magistrates and in all proceedings before Courts of Session, the evidence of each witness shall be taken down in writing in the language in ordinary use in the district in which the Court is held, by or in the presence and hearing and under the personal direction and superintendence of the Magistrate or Sessions Judge, and shall be signed by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge.

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When the evidence of a witness is given in English, the Magistrate or Sessions Judge may take it down in that language with his own hand; and an authenticated translation of the same, in the language in ordinary use in the district in which the Court is held, shall form part of the record.

Evidence in English.

If the accused person be a European British subject or be familiar with the English language, no translation shall be necessary.

In cases in which the evidence is not taken down in writing by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge, he shall, as the examination of each witness proceeds, make a memorandum of the substance of what such witness deposes and such memorandum shall be written and signed by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge, with his own hand, and shall form part of the record.

Memorandum when evidence not taken down in writing.

If the Magistrate or Sessions Judge is prevented from making a memorandum as above required, he shall record the reason of his inability to do so.

335. The Local Government may direct that in any district or part of a district, or in proceedings before any Court of Session, or before any Magistrate or class of Magistrates, the evidence of complainants or witnesses shall be taken down by the Sessions Judge or Magistrate with his own hand in the vernacular language of the Sessions Judge or Magistrate, unless the Sessions Judge or Magistrate be prevented by any sufficient reason from taking down the evidence of any complainant or witness, in which case he shall record the reason of his inability to do so, and shall cause the evidence to be taken down in writing from his dictation in open Court.

Local Government may direct evidence to be recorded by Sessions Judge or Magistrate himself in his vernacular;

The evidence so taken down shall be signed by the Sessions Judge or Magistrate, and shall form part of the record.

• Provided that, if the vernacular language of the Sessions Judge or Magistrate be not or in English or in English or the language in ordinary use in the district in which the Court is held, the Local Government may direct him to take down the evidence in the English language, or in the language in ordinary use in the district in which the Court is held, instead of his own vernacular.

336. In cases of the kind referred to in section three hundred and thirty-three, tried before Magistrates, the Magistrate may, if he thinks fit, take down the evidence of any witness in the manner provided in section three hundred and thirty-four, or, if, within the jurisdiction of such Magistrate, the Local Government has made the order referred to in section three hundred and thirty-five, in the manner provided in section three hundred and thirty-five.

In cases referred to in Section 336, Magistrate may record as provided in section 334 or section 335.

337. The Local Government may determine what, for the purposes of this Act, shall be held to be the language in ordinary use in any district in which a Court is held.

338. The evidence taken under section three hundred and thirty-four shall not ordinarily be taken down in the form of question and answer, but in the form of a narrative.

Form of record of evidence. It shall be in the discretion of the Magistrate or Sessions Judge to take down, or cause to be taken down, any particular question and answer, if there appears any special reason for so doing, or if any person who is a prosecutor or a person accused, or his counsel or agent, requires it.

339. As the evidence of each witness, taken under section three hundred and thirty-four, is completed, it shall be read over to the witness in the presence of the accused person, if in attendance, or of his agent, when his personal attendance is dispensed with and he appears by agent, and shall, if necessary, be corrected.

If the witness deny the correctness of any part of the evidence when the same is read over to him, the Magistrate or Sessions Judge may, instead of correcting the evidence, make a memorandum thereon of the objection made to it by the witness, and shall add such remarks as he thinks necessary.

If the evidence be taken down in a language different from that in which it has been given, and the witness does not understand the language in which it is taken down, the witness may require his evidence as taken down to be interpreted to him in the language in which it was given, or in a language which he understands.

340. In all cases whatever, when the evidence is given in a language not understood by the accused person, it shall be interpreted to him in open Court in a language understood by him, where he is present in person.

If he appears by agent, and the evidence is given in a language other than the language in ordinary use in the district in which the Court is held, it shall be interpreted to such agent in that language.

In cases in which documents are put in for the purpose of formal proof, it shall be in the discretion of the Court to interpret as much thereof as appears necessary.

341. Every Sessions Judge or Magistrate recording the evidence of a witness shall record such remarks as he thinks material respecting the demeanour of such witness whilst under examination.

Remarks respecting demeanour of witness.

OF THE EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSONS.

Accused may be questioned.

342. In all inquiries and trials a Criminal Court may from time to time and at any stage of the proceedings,

put any questions to the accused person which such Court may think proper.

343. The accused person shall not be liable to any punishment for refusing to answer, or for answering falsely, questions asked under section three hundred and forty-two, but the Court shall draw such inferences as seems just from such refusal.

Accused not punishable for refusal to answer.

344. Except as is provided in section three hundred and forty-seven, no influence, by means of any promise of threat or otherwise, shall be used to the accused person to induce him to disclose or withhold any matter within his knowledge.

No influence to be used to induce disclosures.

345. No oath or affirmation shall be administered to the accused person.

Accused not to be sworn.

346. Whenever an accused person is examined, the whole of such examination, including every question put to him and every answer given by him, shall be recorded in full, and shall be shown or read to him, and he shall be at liberty to explain or add to his answers.

Examination of accused how recorded.

When the whole is made conformable to what he declares is the truth, the examination shall be attested by the signature of the Magistrate or Sessions Judge, who shall certify under his own hand that it was taken in his presence and in his hearing, and contains accurately the whole of the statement made by the accused person.

In cases in which the examination of the accused person is not recorded by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge himself, he shall be bound, as the examination proceeds, to make a memorandum thereof in the vernacular of the district, or in English, if he is sufficiently acquainted with that language; and such memorandum shall be written and signed by the Magistrate or Sessions Judge with his own hand, and shall be annexed to the record. If the Magistrate or Sessions Judge is precluded from making a memorandum as above required, he shall record the reason of his inability to do so.

The accused person shall sign or attest by his mark such record.

If the examination be taken in the course of a preliminary inquiry, and the Court of Session find that the provisions of this section have not been fully complied with, it shall take evidence that the prisoner duly made the statement recorded: Provided that if the error does not prejudice the prisoner, it shall not be deemed to affect the admissibility of the statement so recorded.

347. The Magistrate of the District, any Magistrate of the first class inquiring into the case, or with the sanction of the Magistrate of the District, any Magistrate duly empowered to commit to the Court of Session, may, after recording his reason for so doing, tender a pardon to any one or more of the persons supposed to have been directly or indirectly concerned in or privy to any offence specified in column seven of the fourth schedule hereto annexed as triable exclusively by the Court of Session, on condition of his or their making a full, true, and fair disclosure of the whole of the circumstances, within his or their knowledge, relative to the crime committed, and every other person concerned in the perpetration thereof.

Magistrate may tender pardon to accomplice.

Any person accepting a tender of pardon under this section shall be examined as a witness in the case under the rules applicable to the examination of witnesses.

Such person, if not on bail, shall be detained in custody pending the termination of the trial.

A Magistrate, having tendered a pardon under this section and examined the accused person, is precluded from trying the case himself.

348. The High Court as a Court of revision, and the Court of Session after committal but before the commencement of a trial, may, with the view of obtaining on the trial the evidence of any person or persons supposed to have been directly or indirectly concerned in or privy to any such offence, instruct the committing Magistrate to tender a pardon on the same condition to such person or persons.

High Court or Court of Session may direct tender of pardon.

The Court of Session, in like manner and on the same condition, may, at any time before judgment is passed, with the view of obtaining on the trial the evidence of any person or persons supposed to have been directly or indirectly concerned in or privy to any such offence, tender a pardon to such person or persons.

349. When a pardon has been tendered under section three hundred and forty-seven or section three hundred and forty-eight, if it appears to the Magistrate before the trial, or to the Court of Session before judgment has been passed, or to the High Court as a Court of reference or revision, that any person, who has accepted such offer of pardon, has not conformed to the conditions under which the pardon was

When Magistrate, Court of Session, or High Court may direct commitment of person to whom pardon has been tendered.

tendered, either by wilfully concealing anything essential, or by giving false evidence, such Magistrate or Court may commit or direct the commitment of such person for trial for the offence in respect of which the pardon was so tendered.

The statement made by a person under pardon, which pardon has been withdrawn under this section, may be put in evidence against him.

CHAPTER XXVI.

OF SECURING THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES.

Procedure for obtaining attendance of witnesses.

350. The following procedure shall be pursued in order to obtain the attendance of witnesses before a Magistrate or Criminal Court.

351. Any Court or Magistrate may, at any stage of any proceeding, inquiry, or trial, summon, in the manner provided by Chapter XII, any witness, or examine any person in attendance though not summoned as a witness, and it shall be its or his duty to do so if the evidence of such person appears essential to the just decision of the case.

352. If a Court or Magistrate has reason to believe that any witness whose attendance is required will not attend to give evidence without being compelled to do so, it or he may, instead of issuing a summons, issue a warrant of arrest in the first instance.

353. If such warrant cannot be executed and the Court or Magistrate considers that the witness absconds or conceals himself for the purpose of avoiding the service thereof, it or he may issue a proclamation, requiring the attendance of such witness to give evidence at a time and place to be named therein, to be affixed on some conspicuous part of such witness' ordinary place of abode.

If the witness does not attend at the time and place named in such proclamation, the Court or Magistrate may order the attachment of any moveable property belonging to such witness to such amount as seems reasonable, not being in excess of the amount of costs of attachment and of any fine to which the witness may be liable under the provisions of the following section.

Such order shall authorize the attachment of any moveable property within the jurisdiction of the Court or Magistrate by whom it was made; and it shall authorize the attachment of any moveable property without the jurisdiction of the said Court or Magistrate, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated.

354. If the witness appears and satisfies such Court or Magistrate that he did not abscond or conceal himself for the purpose of avoiding the execution of the warrant, and that he had not notice of the proclamation in time to attend at the time and place named therein, the Court or Magistrate shall direct that the property be released from attachment, and shall make such order in regard to the costs of the attachment as to such Court or Magistrate seems fit.

If such witness does not appear, or appearing, fails to satisfy the Court or Magistrate that he did not abscond or conceal himself for the purpose of avoiding the execution of the warrant, and that he had not such notice of the proclamation as aforesaid, the Court or Magistrate may order the property attached, or any part thereof, to be sold for the purpose of satisfying all costs incurred in consequence of such attachment, together with the amount of any fine which may be imposed upon such witness under the provisions of section one hundred and seventy-two of Indian Penal Code.

If the witness pays to such Court or Magistrate the costs and fine as aforesaid, his property shall be released from attachment.

355. If any person summoned to give evidence neglects or refuses to appear at the time and place appointed by the summons, and no reasonable excuse is offered for such neglect or refusal, the Court or Magis-

Release of attached property of witness appearing and satisfying Court or Magistrate.

Sale of property of witness not appearing or not satisfying Court or Magistrate.

Arrest of person disobeying summons.

trate, upon proof of the summons having been duly served, may issue a warrant under his hand and seal, to bring such person before him to testify as aforesaid.

356. If any person summoned or brought before a Magistrate refuses to answer such questions as are put to him, without offering any reasonable excuse for such refusal, such Magistrate may, by warrant under his hand and seal, commit him to custody for any term not exceeding seven days, unless in the meantime such person consents to be examined and to answer; after which, in the event of his persisting in his refusal, he may be dealt with according to the provisions of section four hundred and thirty-five or four hundred and thirty-six.

INQUIRIES.

357. In inquiries preliminary to commitment to a Court of Session or High Court, the Magistrate shall procure the attendance of the witnesses for the prosecution as in cases usually tried upon warrant; and it shall be in his discretion to summon any witness offered on behalf of the accused person to answer or disprove the evidence against him. If the Magistrate refuses to summon a witness so offered, he shall record his reasons for such refusal.

The Magistrate may summons and examine supplementary witnesses after commitment and before the commencement of the trial, and bind them over to appear and give evidence. Such examination shall, if possible, be taken in the presence of the accused person, and, in every case, a copy of the examination of such witnesses shall be given him free of cost.

358. In such inquiries, when the person accused is to be committed for trial and has given in the list of witnesses mentioned in section two hundred, the Magistrate shall summon the witnesses to appear before the Court before which the accused person is to be tried.

359. If the Magistrate thinks that any witness is included in the list for the purpose of vexation or delay or of defeating the ends of justice, he may require the accused person to satisfy him that there are reasonable grounds for believing that such witness is material.

If the Magistrate be not so satisfied, he shall not be bound to summon the witness; but, in doubtful cases, he may summon such witness, if such a sum is deposited with the Magistrate as he thinks necessary to defray the expense of obtaining the attendance of the witness.

360. Prosecutors and witnesses for the prosecution and defence, whose attendance is necessary before the Court of Session or High Court, shall execute recognizances, in the Form (F) given in the second schedule to this Act, to the like effect, to be in attendance when called upon at the Court of Session or High Court, to prosecute or to give evidence, as the case may be.

If any prosecutor or witness refuses to attend before the Court of Session or High Court, or to execute the recognizance above directed, the Magistrate may detain him in custody until he executes such recognizance, or until the time when his attendance at the Court of Session or High Court is required, when the Magistrate shall send him under custody to the Court of Session or High Court.

SUMMONS CASES.

361. In summons cases, the Magistrate may summon any person who appears to him likely to give material evidence on behalf of the complainant or the accused.

Ordinarily it shall be the duty of the complainant and accused, in non-cognizable cases, to produce their own witnesses.

In such cases it shall be in the discretion of the Magistrate to summon any witnesses named by the complainant or the accused; and he may require, in such cases, a deposit of the expenses of a witness before summoning him.

WARRANT CASES.

362. In warrant cases, the Magistrate shall ascertain from the complainant, or otherwise, the names of any persons who may be acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case, and who are likely to give evidence for the prosecution, and shall summon such of them to give evidence before him as he thinks necessary.

The Magistrate shall also, subject to the provisions of section three hundred and fifty-nine, summon any witness and examine any evidence that may be offered in behalf of the accused person, to answer or disprove the evidence against him, and may, for that purpose, at his discretion, adjourn the trial from time to time. If the Magistrate refuse to summon a witness named by the accused person, he shall record his reasons for such refusal, and the accused person shall be entitled to appeal to the Court of Session against such refusal.

SESSIONS TRIALS.

363. The accused person shall be allowed to examine any witness not previously named by him, if such witness be in attendance; but he shall not, except as provided in section four hundred and forty-eight, be entitled of right to have any witness summoned, other than the witnesses named in the list delivered to the Magistrate by whom he was committed or held to bail for trial.

364. If a witness before a Court of Session refuses to answer any question which is put to him, and does not offer any just excuse for such refusal, the Court may commit him to custody for such reasonable time as it deems proper, unless in the meantime he consents to be examined and to answer.

In the event of such witness persisting in his refusal, he may be dealt with according to the provisions of section four hundred and thirty-five or four hundred and thirty-six.

OF SECURING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

365. Whenever an officer in charge of a Police-station, or any Court, considers that the production of any document is necessary or desirable for the purposes of any investigation or judicial proceeding, such officer or Court may issue a summons to the party in whose keeping such document is believed to be, requiring him to attend and produce such document at the time and place stated in the summons.

366. If there appears reason to believe that the person to whom the summons is addressed will not produce it as directed in the summons, such officer or Court may issue a search-warrant for the document in the first instance.

367. Any Court may, if it thinks fit, impound any document produced before it, or may, at the conclusion of the proceedings, order such document to be returned to the person who produced it.

CHAPTER XXVII.

OF SEARCH-WARRANTS.

368. When a Magistrate considers that the production of anything is essential to the conduct of an inquiry into an offence known or suspected to have been committed, or to the discovery of the offender,

or when he considers that such inquiry or discovery will be furthered by the search or inspection of any house or place,

he may grant his search-warrant; and the officer charged with the execution of such warrant may search or inspect any house or place within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District.

The Magistrate issuing such warrant, may, if he see fit, specify in his warrant the house or place, or part thereof, to which only the search or inspection shall extend; and the officer charged with the execution of such warrant shall then search or inspect only the house, place, or part so specified.

Procedure as to letter in custody of Postal Department.

369. The last preceding section shall not authorize any Magistrate, other than the Magistrate of the District, to grant a search-warrant for a letter in the custody of the Postal Department; but if any such letter is wanted for the purpose of any criminal proceeding, any Magistrate or District Superintendent of Police may give notice to the Postal authorities to cause search to be made for and to detain any such letter, pending the orders of the Magistrate of the District; and the Magistrate of the District may, if he thinks fit, direct the Postal authorities to deliver up any such letter.

370. A search-warrant shall ordinarily be directed to a Police officer; but the Direction of search-warrant. Magistrate issuing the warrant may, after recording his reasons, if immediate search is necessary and no Police officer be immediately available, direct it to any other person.

Warrant to Police officer may be executed by his subordinate.

371. A search-warrant directed or endorsed to a Police officer may, if he is not able to proceed in person, be executed by any other Police officer.

Endorsement.

372. When it is necessary for a search-warrant to be executed out of the district in which it was issued, any Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the warrant is to be executed shall endorse his name thereon.

Such endorsement shall be sufficient authority for the Police officer charged with the execution of the warrant to execute the same within the said jurisdiction.

Or the search-warrant may be directed to the Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the search is to be made; and he shall thereupon endorse his name on such warrant, and enforce its execution in the same manner as if it had been issued by himself.

373. Whenever there is reason to believe that the delay occasioned by obtaining the endorsement of the Magistrate in whose District the warrant is to be executed will prevent the discovery of the thing for which search is to be made, the Police officer charged with the execution of the warrant may execute the same, in any place beyond the district in which it was issued, without the endorsement of the Magistrate in whose local jurisdiction that place is situate.

If the thing, for which search is made is found in such place, it shall, when the place where the thing is found is nearer to the Magistrate having jurisdiction in such place than to the Magistrate who issued the warrant, be immediately taken before the Magistrate in whose local jurisdiction it is found; and unless there be good cause to the contrary, such Magistrate shall make an order authorizing it to be taken to the Magistrate who issued the warrant.

Thing found to be taken to Magistrate within whose jurisdiction it is found.

Order thereon.

If the thing be not found after such search, the Police officer making the same shall, in addition to the return made to the Magistrate who issued the warrant, report the fact to the Magistrate in whose local jurisdiction the search was made.

374. If the thing searched for be found within a Presidency town, it shall be taken to the Commissioner of Police or to a Police Magistrate; and such Commissioner or Magistrate shall act in the manner prescribed in section three hundred and seventy-three.

375. Whenever it appears necessary, a Magistrate may, by his warrant, order search to be made in a place out of his jurisdiction, and may direct that the warrant be executed either after or without obtaining the endorsement of the Magistrate within whose jurisdiction the search is to be made.

Magistrate may issue search-warrant to be executed in jurisdiction of another Magistrate.

When a Magistrate issues a warrant under this section, he shall inform the Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the house or place to be searched is situate, or if the house or place be situate within a Presidency town, he shall inform the Commissioner of Police of the issue of such warrant.

376. A Magistrate issuing a search-warrant to be executed in any house or place out of the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District, or out of his own Division, may direct the warrant to any Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction such house or place is situate, and may send the same by post.

Magistrate may send search-warrant by post to Magistrate of another District or division of District.

On receipt of such warrant by the Magistrate to whom it is directed, he shall endorse his name thereon, and enforce its execution in the same manner as if it had been originally issued by himself.

Endorsement and execution by such Magistrate.

Direction of warrant to be executed in Presidency town.

If the warrant is to be executed within a Presidency town, it shall be addressed to the Commissioner of Police or to a Police Magistrate.

In such case, any property found on search made may be dealt with as provided in sections three hundred and seventy-three and three hundred and seventy-four.

377. If the Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or a Magistrate of the first class, upon information and after such inquiry as he thinks necessary, has reason to believe that any house or place is used as a place for the deposit or sale of stolen property, or for the deposit or sale or manufacture of forged documents, or counterfeit Government stamps, or counterfeit coin, or instruments or materials for counterfeiting coin or for forging, or that any forged documents, or counterfeit stamps, or false seals, or counterfeit coin, or instruments or materials used for counterfeiting coin, or for forging, are kept or deposited in any house or place,

Search of house suspected to contain stolen property or forged documents.

he may by his warrant authorize any Police officer above the rank of a constable to enter, with such assistance as may be required, and by force, if necessary, any such house or place, and to search all such parts of the same as are specified in the warrant, and to seize and take possession of any property, documents, stamps, seals, or coins, therein found, which he reasonably suspects to be stolen, forged, false, or counterfeit, and also of any such instruments and materials as aforesaid.

378. The Magistrate by whom a search-warrant is issued may attend personally for the purpose of seeing that the warrant is duly executed.

Magistrate may attend personally.

The Magistrate may also direct a search to be made in his presence, of any house or place for the search of which he is competent to issue a search-warrant.

Magistrate may direct search in his presence.

379. Whenever an officer in charge of a Police-station, or a Police officer making an investigation, considers that the production of anything is necessary to the conduct of an investigation into any offence which he is authorized to investigate, he may search or cause search to be made for the same, in any house or place within the limits of the station of which he is in charge or to which he is attached.

Search by officer in charge of Police-station.

In such case, the officer in charge of the Police-station or Police officer making investigation shall, if practicable, conduct the search in person.

If he is unable to conduct the search in person, and there is no other person competent to make the search present at the time, the officer in charge of the Police-station, or Police officer making investigation, may require any officer subordinate to him to make the search; and he shall deliver to such subordinate officer an order in writing, specifying the property for which search is to be made and the house or place to be searched, and such subordinate officer may thereupon search for such property in such house or place.

The provisions of sections three hundred and eighty-two to three hundred and eighty-five (both inclusive), relating to search-warrants, shall be applicable to a search made under this section by or under the direction of an officer in charge of a Police-station, or by a Police officer making an investigation.

380. An officer in charge of a Police-station may require an officer in charge of another Police-station, whether subordinate to the same Magistrate as himself or to a Magistrate of another District, to cause a search to be made in any house or place, in any case in which the former officer might cause such search to be made within the limits of his own station.

When officer of Police-station may require another to issue search-warrant.

Such officer, on being so required, shall proceed according to the provisions of section three hundred and seventy-nine, and shall forward the thing found, if any, to the officer at whose request the search was made.

381. An officer in charge of a Police-station may, without a warrant, enter any shop or premises within the limits of such station, for the purpose of inspecting or searching for any weights or measures, or instruments for weighing, used or kept therein, whenever he has reason to believe that there are in such shop or premises, any weights, measures or instruments for weighing which are false. If such officer finds in such shop or premises, any weights, measures or instruments that are false, he may seize the same, and shall forthwith give information of such seizure to the Magistrate having jurisdiction.

382. Whenever any house or place liable to search or inspection under this chapter is closed, any person residing in, or being in charge of, such house or place shall, on demand of the officer or other person executing the warrant, allow such officer or other person free ingress thereto, and afford all reasonable facilities for a search therein.

383. A Police officer, or other person, authorized by a warrant to search any house or place, may break open any outer or inner door or window of such house or place, in order to execute the warrant, if, after notification of his authority and purpose and demand of admittance duly made, he cannot otherwise obtain admittance.

384. If the place ordered to be searched is an apartment in the actual occupancy of a woman who, according to the customs of the country, does not appear in public, the officer or other person charged with the execution of the warrant shall give notice to such woman in such apartment, not being a woman against whom a warrant of arrest has been issued, that she is at liberty to withdraw.

After giving such notice and allowing a reasonable time for such woman to withdraw, and affording her every reasonable facility for withdrawing, such officer or person may enter such apartment for the purpose of completing the search, using at the same time every precaution consistent with these provisions for preventing the clandestine removal of property.

385. Before conducting a search under this chapter, the officer conducting it shall call upon two or more respectable inhabitants of the place in which the house or place to be searched is situate, to attend and witness the search.

The search shall be made in their presence, but they shall not be required to attend the Court of the Magistrate as witnesses, unless specially summoned by him.

The occupant of the house or place searched, or some person in his behalf, shall, in every instance, be permitted to attend during the search.

386. Whenever it is necessary to cause a woman to be searched, the search shall be conducted with strict regard to the habits and customs of the country.

387. Whenever a person is arrested by the Police under a warrant which does not provide for the taking of bail, or under a warrant which provides for the taking of bail, but the arrested person cannot furnish bail,

or is arrested without warrant and is not admitted to bail, it shall be the duty of the arresting officer to search such person and to place in safe custody all articles, other than necessary articles of apparel, found on such person.

A list of such articles shall be forwarded with the daily diary or with the final report in the case.

PART IX.

PROCEDURE INCIDENTAL TO INQUIRY AND TRIAL.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

BAIL.

388. When any person appears or is brought before a Magistrate, accused of any bailable offence, he shall be admitted to bail.

389. When any person accused of any non-bailable offence appears or is brought before a Magistrate, such person shall not be admitted to bail, if there appear reasonable grounds for believing that he has been guilty of the offence of which he is accused.

When bail may be taken. If the evidence given in support of the accusation is, in the opinion of the Magistrate, not such as to raise a strong presumption of the guilt of the accused person,

or if such evidence is adduced on behalf of the accused person as, in the opinion of the Magistrate, weakens the presumption of his guilt, but there appears to the Magistrate in either of such cases to be sufficient ground for further inquiry into his guilt, the accused person shall be admitted to bail pending such inquiry.

390. The Court of Session may, in any case, whether there be an appeal on conviction or not, direct that an accused person shall be admitted to bail, or that the bail required by a Magistrate be reduced.

391. When a Magistrate admits to bail any person accused or suspected of any offence, a recognizance, in such sum of money as the Magistrate thinks sufficient, shall be entered into by the person so accused, and one or more sureties, conditioned that such person shall attend at the time and place mentioned in the recognizance and shall continue to attend until otherwise directed by the Court, and, if required, shall appear when called upon at the Court of Session or other Court, as the case may be, to answer the charge.

392. If, through mistake or fraud, insufficient bail has been taken, or if the sureties become afterwards insufficient, the accused person may be ordered by the Magistrate to give sufficient bail or to find sufficient sureties and, in default, may be committed to prison.

393. If the accused person cannot find sureties when called upon, he shall be admitted to bail upon finding the same at any time afterwards before conviction.

394. After the recognizances have been duly entered into, the Magistrate, in case the accused person has appeared voluntarily or is in the custody of some officer, shall thereupon release him; and in case he is in some prison or other place of confinement, shall issue a warrant of release to the jailor or other person having him in his custody, and such jailor or other person shall thereupon release him.

395. Any one or more of the sureties for an accused person may, at any time, apply to the Magistrate to be discharged from their engagements.

On such an application being made, the Magistrate shall issue his warrant of arrest, directing that such person be brought before him.

On the appearance of such person pursuant to the warrant, or on his voluntary surrender, the Magistrate shall direct the recognizances of the sureties to be discharged, and shall call upon such person to find other sureties, and, in default, may order him to be committed to prison.

396. Whenever, by reason of default of appearance of the person executing the personal recognizance, the Magistrate is of opinion that proceedings should be had to compel payment of the penalty mentioned in the recognizance, he shall proceed to enforce the penalty by issuing a warrant for the attachment and sale of the moveable property belonging to such person, which may be found within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District. Such warrant may be executed within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District, and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the accused person, without the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the district in which such moveable property is situated.

397. Whenever, by reason of default of appearance by the person bailed, the Magistrate is of opinion that proceedings should be had to compel payment of the penalty mentioned in the recognizance of the surety or sureties, he shall give notice to the surety or sureties to pay the same, or to show cause why it should not be paid.

If such penalty be not paid and if no sufficient cause for its non-payment be shown, the Magistrate shall proceed to recover the penalty from such surety or sureties, by issuing a warrant for the attachment and sale of any moveable property belonging to him or them

which may be found within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District. Such warrant may be executed within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District; and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the surety or sureties, without the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such moveable property is situated.

If such penalty be not paid and cannot be recovered by such attachment and sale, such surety or sureties shall be liable to confinement, by order of the Magistrate, in the Civil jail, during a period not exceeding six months.

398. The powers given by sections three hundred and ninety-six and three hundred and ninety-seven may be exercised by every Criminal Court in every case in which a personal recognizance or bail has been given for the appearance of a party or witness, if default is made by the non-appearance of such party or witness before such Court, according to the conditions of such recognizance or bail:

Provided that the Magistrate or Court may, at his or its discretion, remit any portion of the penalty mentioned in the recognizance of the accused person, or of the surety or sureties, and enforce payment in part only:

All orders passed by any Magistrate, other than the Magistrate of the District, under this section or section three hundred and ninety-six or three hundred and ninety-seven, shall be appealable to the Magistrate of the District, or, if not so appealed, may be revised by him.

In what cases the powers given by sections 396 and 397 may be exercised.

High Court or Court of Session may direct Magistrate to levy sum forfeited.

399. When any person is required by any officer or Criminal Court to give bail, except in cases coming under Chapter XXXVIII, such officer or Court may permit such person to deposit a sum of money or Government promissory notes to such amount as it may fix in lieu of such bail.

Deposit may be made instead of bail.

CHAPTER XXIX.

FORMATION OF LISTS OF JURORS AND ASSESSORS AND THEIR ATTENDANCE.

400. The Sessions Judge and the Collector of the District, or such other officer as the Local Government from time to time appoints in this behalf, shall prepare and make out in alphabetical order a list of persons residing within ten miles from the place where trials before the Court of Session are held, or within such other distance as the Local Government thinks fit to direct, who are, in the judgment of the Sessions Judge and Collector or other officer as aforesaid, qualified from their education and character to serve as jurors or as assessors, respectively.

The list shall contain the name, place of abode, and quality or business of every such person; and if the person is a European or an American, the list shall mention the race to which he belongs.

401. Copies of such list shall be stuck up in the office of the Collector or other officer as aforesaid, and in the Court-houses of the Magistrate of the District and of the Chief Civil Court, and in some conspicuous place in the town or towns near or in the vicinity of which the persons named in the list reside.

To every such copy shall be subjoined a notice, stating that objections to the list will be heard and determined by the Sessions Judge and Collector or other officer as aforesaid, at the Sessions Court-house, and at a time to be mentioned in the notice.

402. For the hearing of such objections, the Sessions Judge shall sit with the Collector or other officer as aforesaid, and shall, at the time and place mentioned in the notice, revise the list and hear the objections (if any) of persons interested in the amendment thereof, and shall strike out the name of any person not suitable in their judgment to serve as a juror or as an assessor, or who may avail himself of the exemption from service given by section four hundred and six, and insert the name of any person omitted from the list whom they deem qualified for such service.

Revision of list.

In the event of a difference of opinion between the Collector or other officer as aforesaid and the Sessions Judge, the name of the proposed juror or assessor shall be omitted from the list.

A copy of the revised list shall be signed by the Sessions Judge and Collector or other officer as aforesaid, and sent to the Court of Session.

Any order of the Sessions Judge and Collector or other officer as aforesaid, in preparing and revising the list, shall be final.

403. The list so prepared and revised shall be again revised
Annual revision of list. once in every year.

The list so revised shall be deemed a new list, and shall be subject to all the rules hereinbefore contained as to the list originally prepared.

404. All male persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty, resident within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Court of Session, except those hereinafter mentioned, shall be deemed capable of serving as jurors and assessors, and shall be liable to be summoned accordingly.

Disqualifications. 405. The following persons are incapable of serving as jurors or as assessors, namely :—

Persons who hold any office in or under the said Court.

Persons executing any duties of Police or entrusted with any Police functions.

Persons who have been convicted of any offence against the State, or of any fraudulent or other offence which, in the judgment of the Sessions Judge and Collector, renders them unfit to serve on the jury.

Persons afflicted with any infirmity of body or mind, sufficient to incapacitate them from serving.

Persons who, by habit or religious vows, have relinquished all care of worldly affairs.

Exemptions. 406. The following persons are exempt from the liability to serve as jurors or as assessors, namely :—

All officers in civil employ superior in rank to a Magistrate of the District.

Judges and other Judicial officers.

Commissioners and Collectors of Revenue or Customs.

All persons engaged in the Preventive Service in the Customs Department.

All persons engaged in the collection of the revenue, whom the Collector thinks fit to exempt on the ground of official duty.

Chaplains and others employed in religious offices.

All persons in the Military Service, except when, by any law in force for the time being, such persons are specially made liable to serve.

Surgeons and others who openly and constantly practise in the profession of physic.

Persons employed in the Post Office and Electric Telegraph Departments.

Persons actually officiating as priests in their respective religions.

All persons exempted by the Local Government; and persons exempted by Government from personal appearance in Court under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, section twenty-two.

Person exempted is not bound to avail himself of his right of exemption.

The exemption from service given by this section is a right of which each person exempted may avail himself or not.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to disqualify any such person, if he is willing to serve as a juror or as an assessor.

The Sessions Judge may issue a summons to any exempted person, to serve as an assessor or juror on the trial of a European British subject.

407. The Court of Session shall ordinarily, three days at the least before the time fixed for the holding of the sessions, send a precept to a Magistrate directing him to summon as many persons named in the said revised list, as seem to the Court to be needed for trials by jury and trials with the aid of assessors at the said sessions, the number to be summoned not being less than double the number required for any case about to be tried at such sessions.

The names of the persons to be summoned shall be drawn by lot in open Court, excluding those on the revised list who have served within six months, unless the number cannot be made up without them; the names so drawn shall be specified in the precept to the Magistrate.

408. When a trial is to be held in which the accused person, or one of the accused persons, is entitled to be tried by a jury constituted under the provisions of section two hundred and thirty-four, the Court of Session shall, three days at least before the day fixed for holding such trial, cause to be summoned, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, as many European and American jurors as are required for the trial, if there be so many on the jury-list of the District in which the trial is to be held.

The Court shall also at the same time in like manner cause to be summoned the same number of other persons named in the revised list, unless such number of such other persons shall have been already summoned for jury trials at that session.

From the whole number of persons returned, the jurors who are to constitute the jury shall be taken by lot in the manner prescribed in section two hundred and forty, until a jury containing the proper number of Europeans or Americans, or a number approaching thereto as nearly as possible, has been obtained.

If a jury containing the requisite number of Europeans and Americans is not obtained, the accused person may elect to be tried by the Judge with the aid of assessors; otherwise he shall be tried by the jury obtained by the means aforesaid.

409. Every summons to a juror or assessor shall be in writing, and shall require his attendance as a juror or assessor at a time and place to be therein specified.

Form and service of summons.

The summons or a copy thereof shall be served on every juror or assessor personally.

If the juror or assessor summoned be absent from his usual place of abode, the summons may be left for him there, with some adult male member of his family with him.

410. The Court of Session may direct jurors or assessors to be summoned at other periods than the period specified in section four hundred and seven, when the number of trials before the Court renders the attendance of one set of jurors or assessors for a whole session oppressive, or whenever it is found to be necessary.

411. If any person summoned to serve as a juror or assessor be in the service of Government or of a Railway Company, the summons shall be sent to him through the head officer of the office in which he is employed; and the Court may excuse the attendance of such person if it appear, on the representation of such head officer, that the person summoned cannot serve as a juror or assessor without inconvenience to the public service.

412. The Court of Session may excuse any juror or assessor from attendance for reasonable cause.

413. At each session the Court shall cause to be made a list of the names of those who serve as jurors or assessors at such session.

Such list shall be kept with the revised list of the jurors and assessors prepared under section four hundred and two.

A reference shall be made in the margin of the said revised list to each of the names which are mentioned in the list prepared under this section.

414. Any person summoned to attend as a juror or an assessor who, without lawful excuse, fails to attend as required by the summons, or who, having attended, departs without having obtained the permission of the Court, or fails to attend after an adjournment of the Court after being ordered to attend, shall be liable by order of the Court of Session to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

Such fine shall be levied by the Magistrate of the District, by attachment and sale of any moveable property belonging to such juror or assessor within the jurisdiction of the Sessions Court making the order.

In default of recovery of the fine by such attachment and sale, such juror or assessor may be imprisoned in the civil jail for the space of fifteen days, if the fine be not sooner paid.

CHAPTER XXX.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

415. The seizure, by any Police officer, of property alleged or suspected to have been stolen, or found under circumstances which create suspicion of the commission of any offence, shall be forthwith reported to a Magistrate, who shall thereupon make such order respecting the custody and production of such property as he thinks proper.

Procedure by Police upon seizure of stolen property.

If such property is of a perishable nature, or if it appears to the Magistrate that its sale would be for the benefit of the owner, such Magistrate may at any time direct it to be sold, and shall hold the proceeds of such sale in trust for the owner, subject to the provisions contained in sections four hundred and sixteen and four hundred and seventeen.

416. When the owner of any such property is unknown, the Magistrate may detain it, or the proceeds thereof, if sold, and, in case of such detention, shall issue a proclamation, specifying the articles of which such property consists or consisted, and requiring any person who may have a claim thereto or to the proceeds thereof, to appear before him and establish his claim within six months from the date of such proclamation.

417. If no person within such period establishes his claim to such property or proceeds, and if the person in whose possession such property was found is unable to show that it was legally acquired by him, such property shall be at the disposal of the Government, and may be sold under the orders of the Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a division of a District, or, if duly authorized, a Magistrate of the first class; or, if it has been already sold by the Magistrate, the proceeds thereof shall be at the disposal of the Government.

An appeal shall be allowed to the Court to which appeals against sentences would lie, in the case of every order passed under this section.

418. When the trial in any Criminal Court is concluded, the Court may make such order as appears right for the disposal of any property produced before it, regarding which any offence appears to have been committed.

419. Any Court of appeal, reference or revision may direct any such order passed by a Court subordinate thereto to be stayed, and may modify, alter, or annul it.

420. The order passed by any Court under section four hundred and eighteen or four hundred and nineteen, may be in the form of a reference of the property to the Magistrate of the District, or to a Magistrate of a division of a District, who shall in such cases deal with it as if the property had been seized by the Police and the seizure had been reported to him in the manner hereinbefore mentioned.

421. Subject to any rules that may be passed by the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General of India in Council, the Criminal Courts may order payment on the part of Government of the reasonable expenses of any complainant or witness attending for the purpose of any trial before such Court under this Act.

422. When the services of an interpreter are required by any Criminal Court for the interpretation of any evidence or statement, he shall be bound to state the true interpretation of such evidence or statement.

CHAPTER XXXI.

LUNATICS.

423. When any person charged with an offence before a Magistrate competent to try the case appears to such Magistrate to be of unsound mind and incapable of making a defence, such Magistrate shall institute an inquiry to ascertain the fact of such unsoundness of mind, and shall cause the accused person to be examined by the Civil Surgeon of the District, or some other medical officer, and thereupon shall examine such Civil Surgeon or other medical officer as a witness, and shall reduce the examination into writing.

If such Magistrate is of opinion that the accused person is of unsound mind, he shall stay further proceedings in the case.

424. When, from the evidence given before a Magistrate, there appears to be sufficient ground for believing that the accused person committed an act which, if he had been of sound mind, would have been an offence triable exclusively by the Court of Session, and that he was at the time when the act was

committed, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing the nature of the act charged, or that he was doing what was wrong or contrary to law, such accused person shall, if he appears to be sane at the time of inquiry, be sent for trial by the Magistrate before the Court of Session.

If such accused person is a European British subject, the Magistrate shall follow the procedure prescribed in Chapter VII.

If an accused person appears to be insane at the time of inquiry, the Magistrate shall act in the manner provided in the last preceding section.

425. If any person committed for trial before a Court of Session shall, at his trial, appear to the Court to be of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence, the Court shall, in the first instance, try the fact of such unsoundness of mind, and if satisfied of the fact, shall give a special judgment that the accused person is of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence; and thereupon the trial should be postponed.

426. Whenever an accused person is found to be of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence, the Magistrate or Court of Session, as the case may be, if the offence of which such person is accused be bailable, may release such person on sufficient security being given that he shall be properly taken care of, and shall be prevented from doing injury to himself or to any other person, and for his appearance when required.

If the offence be not bailable, or if the required bail be not given, the accused person shall be kept in safe custody in such place as the Local Government to which the case shall be reported shall direct.

427. Whenever an inquiry or trial is postponed under section four hundred and twenty-three or section four hundred and twenty-five, the Magistrate or Court of Session, as the case may be, may at any time resume the inquiry or trial, and require the accused person, if detained in custody, to be brought before such Magistrate or Court; or if the accused person has been released on security, may require his appearance.

The surety of such person shall be bound, at any time, to produce him to any officer whom the Magistrate or Court of Session appoints to inspect him; and the certificate of such officer shall have the same effect as the certificate of an Inspector-General of Prisons or the Visitors of Lunatic Asylums, granted under section four hundred and thirty-two.

428. If, when the accused person appears or is again brought before the Magistrate or the Court of Session, as the case may be, it appears to such Magistrate or Court that the accused person is in a fit state of mind to make his defence, the inquiry shall proceed, or the accused person shall be put on his trial, as the case may require.

If it appears that the accused person is still of unsound mind, and incapable of making his defence, the Magistrate or Court of Session shall again act according to the provisions of section four hundred and twenty-three or section four hundred and twenty-five.

429. Whenever any person is acquitted upon the ground that, at the time at which he is charged with having committed an offence, he was, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing the nature of the act charged, or that he was doing what was wrong or contrary to law, the finding shall state specially whether such person committed the act or not.

430. Whenever such finding states that the accused person committed the act charged, the Magistrate or Court of Session before whom the trial was held, shall, if the act charged would, but for the incapacity found, have amounted to an offence, order such person to be kept in safe custody, in such place and manner as to the Magistrate or Court of Session seems fit, and shall report the case for the order of the Local Government.

The Local Government may order such person to be kept in safe custody in a Lunatic Asylum or other suitable place of safe custody.

431. When any person is confined under the provisions of section four hundred and twenty-six or section four hundred and thirty, the Inspector-General of Prisons, if such person is confined in a jail, or the Visitors of the Lunatic Asylums or any two of them, if he is confined in a Lunatic Asylum, may visit him in order to ascertain his state of mind; and he shall be visited once at least in every six months by such Inspector-General or by two of

such Visitors as aforesaid; and such Inspector-General or Visitors shall make a special report to the Local Government as to the state of mind of such person.

432. If such person is confined under section four hundred and twenty-six, and such Inspector-General or Visitors as aforesaid shall certify that, in his or their opinion, such person is capable of making his defence, he shall be taken before the Magistrate or Court of Session, as the case may be, at such time as such Magistrate or Court of Session appoints; and such Magistrate or Court shall deal with such person under the provisions of section four hundred and twenty-eight; and the certificate of such Inspector-General or Visitors as aforesaid shall be receivable as evidence.

433. If such person is confined under the provisions of section four hundred and thirty, and such Inspector-General or Visitors as aforesaid certify that, in his or their judgment, he may be discharged without danger of his doing injury to himself or to any other person, the Local Government may thereupon either order him to be discharged, or to be detained in custody, or to be transferred to a public Lunatic Asylum, if he has not been already sent to such an Asylum; and may appoint a commission, consisting of a judicial officer not below the grade of a Sessions Judge, and two medical officers, whereof the chief medical officer attached to the Lunatic Asylum shall be one.

The said commission shall make formal inquiry into the state of mind of such person, taking such evidence as is necessary, and shall report to the Local Government, who may order his discharge or detention as to it may seem fit.

434. Whenever any relative or friend of any person detained under the provisions of section four hundred and thirty is desirous that he shall be delivered over to his care and custody, the Local Government, upon the application of such relative or friend, and on his giving security to the satisfaction of such Government that the person detained shall be properly taken care of and shall be prevented from doing injury to himself or to any other person, may make an order that such person may be delivered to such relative or friend.

Whenever such person is so delivered over, it shall be upon condition that he shall be subject to the inspection of such officer as the Local Government appoints, and at such times as such Government directs.

The provisions of sections four hundred and thirty-one and four hundred and thirty-three shall apply to persons detained under the provisions of this section; and the certificate of the inspecting officer appointed under this section shall be dealt with as a certificate of the Inspector-General of Prisons, or the Visitors of Lunatic Asylums, under the said sections.

CHAPTER XXXII.

CONTEMPTS OF COURT.

435. When any such offence as is described in sections one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and seventy-eight, one hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and eighty, or two hundred and twenty-eight of the Indian Penal Code is committed in the view or presence of any Civil, Criminal, or Revenue Court, the Court may cause the offender, whether he be a European British subject or not, to be detained in custody; and, at any time before the rising of the Court on the same day, may take cognizance of the offence, and adjudge the offender to punishment by fine not exceeding two hundred rupees, and, in default of payment, by imprisonment in the civil jail for a period not exceeding one month, unless such fine be sooner paid.

In every such case, the Court shall record the facts constituting the offence, with any statement the offender may make, as well as the finding and sentence.

If the offence is under section two hundred and twenty-eight of the Indian Penal Code, the record must show the nature and stage of the judicial proceeding in which such public servant was sitting, and the nature of the interruption or insult offered.

436. If the Court in any case considers that a person accused of any such offence should be imprisoned otherwise than in default of payment of fine, or that a fine exceeding two hundred rupees should be imposed upon him, such Court, after recording the facts constituting the offence, and the statement of the accused person as before provided,

Procedure where Court considers that accused should be imprisoned, or fined more than 200 rupees.

Procedure where lunatic prisoner is reported capable of making his defence.

Procedure where lunatic confined under section 430 is declared capable of being discharged.

shall forward the case to a Magistrate, or, if the accused person be a European British subject, to a Magistrate of the first class who is a Justice of the Peace and a European British subject; and shall cause bail to be taken for the appearance of such accused person before such Magistrate, or, if sufficient bail be not tendered, shall cause such person to be forwarded under custody to such Magistrate.

If the case be forwarded to a Magistrate, he shall proceed to try the accused person in the manner provided by this Act for trials before a Magistrate; and such Magistrate may adjudge the offender to punishment, as provided in the section of the Indian Penal Code under which he is charged.

If, in the case of a European British subject, the Magistrate to whom he is forwarded considers the offence to require a more severe punishment than he is competent to award under Chapter VII of this Act, he may commit the offender to the Sessions Court.

In no case tried under this section shall any Magistrate adjudge imprisonment, or a fine exceeding two hundred rupees, for any contempt committed in his own presence against his own Court.

437. When any Court has adjudged an offender to punishment, or forwarded him to a Magistrate for trial, for refusing or omitting to do anything which he was lawfully required to do, or for any intentional insult or interruption, the Court may discharge the offender, or remit the punishment, on his submission to the order or requisition of such Court, or on apology being made to its satisfaction.

438. When any such offence as is described in Chapter X of the Indian Penal Code (except sections one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and seventy-eight, one hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and eighty, and two hundred and twenty-eight), is committed in contempt of the lawful authority of any Civil, Criminal, or Revenue Court by a European British subject, such offence shall be cognizable only by a Magistrate of the first class who is a Justice of the Peace and a European British subject; and such Magistrate may deal with the offender, on conviction, in the same manner as is provided in that behalf in section seventy-four.

If such Magistrate considers the offence to require a more severe punishment than he is competent to award under the said section, he may commit the offender to the Sessions Court.

PART X.

CHARGE, JUDGMENT, AND SENTENCE.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

OF THE CHARGE.

FORM OF CHARGES.

- Charge to state offence. 439. The charge shall state the offence with which the accused person is charged.
- Specific name of offence, sufficient statement. If the law which creates the offence gives it any specific name, the offence may be described in the charge by that name only.
- If the law which creates the offence does not give it any specific name, so much of the definition of the offence must be stated as to give the prisoner notice of the matter with which he is charged.
- How stated where offence has no specific name. The Act and section or sections of the Act against which the offence is said to have been committed must be referred to in the charge.
- The fact that the charge is made shall be equivalent to a statement that every legal condition, necessary by law to constitute the offence charged, was fulfilled in the particular case.
- What implied in charges. The charge may be written either in English or in the language of the District. If not written in a language understood by the prisoner, it must be read to him in a language which he understands.
- Language of charge.

If the accused person has been previously convicted of any offence, and if it is intended to prove such previous conviction for the purpose of affecting the punishment which is to be awarded, the fact of the previous conviction must be stated in the charge. If it is omitted, it may be added at any time before sentence is passed, but not afterwards.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is charged with the murder of B.

This is equivalent to a statement that A's act fell within the definition of murder given in sections 299 and 300 of the Indian Penal Code; that it did not fall within any of the general exceptions of the Penal Code; and that it did not fall within any of the five exceptions to section 300, or that, if it did fall within exception I, one or other of the three provisos to that exception applied to it.

(b.) A is charged under section 326 of the Indian Penal Code with voluntarily causing grievous hurt to B, by means of an instrument for shooting: this is equivalent to a statement that the case was not provided for by section 335 of the Indian Penal Code, and that the general exceptions did not apply to it.

(c.) A is accused of murder, cheating, theft, extortion, adultery, or criminal intimidation, or using a false property-mark. The charge may state that A committed murder, or cheating, or theft, or extortion, or adultery, or criminal intimidation, or that he used a false property-mark, without reference to the definitions of those crimes contained in the Indian Penal Code; but the sections under which the offence is punishable must, in each instance, be referred to in the charge.

(d.) A is charged under section 184 of the Indian Penal Code, with intentionally obstructing a sale of property offered for sale by the lawful authority of a public servant. The charge should be in those words.

440. The charge shall contain such particulars as to the time and place of the

Particulars as to time, place, and person. alleged offence and the person against whom it was committed, as are reasonably sufficient to give notice to the accused person of the matter with which he is charged.

441. When the nature of the case is such that the particulars mentioned in sections

four hundred and thirty-nine and four hundred and forty do not give sufficient notice to the accused person of the matter with which he is charged, the charge shall also contain such particulars of the manner in which the alleged offence was committed as will be sufficient for that purpose.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is accused of the theft of a certain article at a certain time and place. The charge need not set out the manner in which the theft was effected.

(b.) A is accused of cheating B at a given time and place. The charge must set out the manner in which A cheated B.

(c.) A is accused of giving false evidence at a given time and place. The charge must set out that portion of the evidence given by A which is alleged to be false.

(d.) A is accused of obstructing B, a public servant, in discharge of his public functions at a given time and place. The charge must set out the manner in which A obstructed B in the discharge of his functions.

(e.) A is accused of the murder of B at a given time and place. The charge need not state the manner in which A murdered B.

(f.) A is accused of disobeying a direction of the law with intent to save B from punishment. The charge must set out the disobedience charged and the law infringed.

Forms in schedule.

442. The charge may be in the form given in the third schedule to this Act or to the like effect.

443. No error, either in the way in which the offence is stated, or in the particulars

Effect of errors. required to be stated in section four hundred and forty-one, and no omission to state the offence, or to state those particulars, shall be

regarded at any stage of the case as material, unless the person accused was in fact misled by such error or omission.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is charged, under section 242 of the Indian Penal Code, with "having been in possession of counterfeit coin, having known at the time when he became possessed thereof that such coin was counterfeit;" the word "fraudulently" being omitted in the charge. Unless it appears that A was in fact misled by this omission, the error shall not be regarded as material.

(b.) A is charged with cheating B, and the manner in which he cheated B is not set out in the charge, or is set out incorrectly. A defends himself, calls witnesses, and gives his own account of the transaction. The Court may infer from this that the omission to set out the manner of the cheating is not material.

(c.) A is charged with cheating B, and the manner in which he cheated B is not set out in the charge. There were many transactions between A and B, and A had no means of knowing to which of them the charge referred, and offered no defence. The Court may infer from such facts that the omission to set out the manner of the cheating was, in this case, a material error.

(d.) A is charged with the murder of Khoda Baksh on the 21st January. In fact the murdered person's name was Haidar Baksh and the date of the murder was the 20th January. A was never charged with any murder but one, and had heard the inquiry before the Magistrate, which referred exclusively to the case of Haidar Baksh. The Court may infer from these facts that A was not misled, and that the error in the charge was immaterial.

(e.) A was charged with murdering Haidar Baksh on the 20th January, and Khoda Baksh (who tried to arrest him for that murder) on the 21st January. When charged for the murder of Haidar Baksh, he was tried for the murder of Khoda Baksh. The witnesses present in his defence were witnesses in the case of Haidar Baksh. The Court may infer from this that A was misled, and that the error was material.

444. Any accused person may apply to the Court by which he is tried for an amendment of the charge made against him; and in considering whether any error in a charge did in fact mislead the accused person, the Court shall take into account the fact that he did or did not make such an application.

445. Any Court may, either upon the application of the accused person, or upon its own motion, amend or alter any charge at any stage of the proceedings before judgment is signed, or, in cases of trials before a Court of Session, before the verdict of the jury is delivered or the opinion of the assessors is expressed. Such amendment shall be read and explained to the accused person.

446. If a prisoner is committed to the Court of Session, either without any charge at all, or upon a charge which the Court, upon reference to the proceedings before the committing Magistrate, considers improper, the Court of Session may draw up a charge for any offence which it considers to be proved by the evidence taken before the committing Magistrate. A copy of such charge shall be given to the accused person.

447. If the amendment or alteration is such that proceeding immediately with the trial is not likely, in the opinion of the Court, to prejudice the accused person in his defence, it shall be at the discretion of the Court, after making such amendment or alteration, to proceed with the trial as if the amended charge had been the original charge.

448. If the amendment or alteration is such that proceeding immediately with the trial is likely, in the opinion of the Court, to prejudice the accused person in his defence, the Court may either direct a new trial, or suspend the trial for such period as may be necessary to enable the accused person to make his defence to the amended or altered charge; and, after hearing his defence, the Court may further adjourn the trial, to admit of the appearance of any witness whose evidence the Court may consider to be material to the case, or whom the accused person may wish to be summoned in his defence.

Prosecutor and accused person may recall witnesses.

449. In all cases of amendment or alteration of a charge, the prosecutor and accused person shall be allowed to recall and examine any witness who may have been examined.

450. If the offence stated in the new charge be one for which previous sanction is necessary, the case shall not be proceeded with until such sanction is obtained; unless sanction has been already obtained for a prosecution on the same facts as those on which the new charge was based.

451. If any Appellate Court, or the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision, is of opinion that any person, convicted of an offence was in fact misled in his defence by an error in the charge, it shall direct a new trial to be had upon a charge amended in whatever manner it thinks proper.

If such Court is of opinion that the facts of the case are such that no valid charge could be preferred against the person accused in respect of the facts proved, it shall quash the conviction.

Illustration.

A is convicted of an offence under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, upon a charge which omits to state that A knew that he was directed to abstain from a certain act by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order. If the Court thinks it probable that A had such knowledge, and that he was misled in his defence by the omission from the charge of the statement that he had it, it shall direct a new trial upon an amended charge; but if it appears probable from the proceedings that A had no such knowledge, it shall quash the conviction.

JOINDER OF CHARGES.

452. There must be a separate charge for every distinct offence of which any person is accused, and every such charge must be tried separately, except in the cases thereafter excepted.

Separate charges for distinct offences.

Illustration.

A is accused of a theft on one occasion, and of causing grievous hurt on another occasion. A must be separately charged and separately tried for the theft and the causing grievous hurt.

More offences than one of same kind may be charged within a year of each other.

453. When a person is accused of more offences than one of the same kind, committed within one year of each other, he may be charged and tried at the same time for any number of them not exceeding three.

EXPLANATION.—Offences are said to be of the same kind under this section if they fall within the provisions of section four hundred and fifty-five.

454. I.—If in one set of facts, so connected together as to form the same transaction,

I.—Trial of more than one offence.

more offences than one are committed by the same person, he may be charged with and tried for every such offence at the same time.

II.—If a single act falls within two separate definitions of any law in force for the

II.—One offence falling within two definitions.

time being, by which offences are defined or punished, the person who does it may be charged with each of the offences so committed,

but he must not receive a more severe punishment than could be awarded, by the Court which tries him, for either.

III.—If several facts, of which one or more than one would by itself constitute an

III.—Acts severally constituting more than one offence, but collectively coming within one definition.

offence, form, when combined, an offence under the provisions of any law in force for the time being, by which offences are defined or punished, a person who does them may be charged with every offence which he may have committed, but he must not receive for such offences, collectively, a punishment more severe than that

which might have been awarded, by the Court trying him, for any one of such offences, or for the offence formed by their combination.

Illustrations.

To paragraph I.

(a.) A rescues B, a person in lawful custody, and causes grievous hurt to C, a constable in whose custody B was. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, offences under sections 225 and 333, Indian Penal Code.

(b.) A has in his possession several counterfeit seals with the intention of committing several forgeries. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, the possession of each seal for a distinct forgery under section 473, Indian Penal Code.

(c.) A, with intent to cause injury to B, institutes proceedings against him, knowing there is no just or lawful ground for such proceedings. A also falsely charges B with having committed an offence. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, two offences under section 211, Indian Penal Code.

(d.) A, with intent to injure B, brings a false charge against him of having committed an offence. On the trial, A gives false evidence against B. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, offences under sections 211 and 194 or 195, Indian Penal Code.

(e.) A, knowing that B, a female minor, has been kidnapped, wrongfully confines her and detains her as a slave. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, offences under sections 368 (read with 367) and 370, Indian Penal Code.

(f.) A, with six others, commits the offences of rioting, grievous hurt, and of assaulting a public servant engaged in suppressing the riot. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, offences under sections 147, 325, and 152, Indian Penal Code.

(g.) A criminally intimidates B, C, and D at the same time. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, each of the three offences under section 606, Indian Penal Code.

(h.) A intentionally causes the death of three persons by upsetting a boat. A may be separately charged with, convicted of, and punished for, three offences under section 302, Indian Penal Code.

To paragraph II.

(i.) A commits mischief by cutting down a tree in a Government forest. The tree overhangs the bank of a river and falls into the stream. A commits theft by having severed the tree and by floating it down the river to his village, where he sells it. A may be separately charged with and convicted of offences under sections 426 and 379, Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a more severe sentence than if it had convicted him under section 379 only.

(j.) A wrongfully strikes B with a cane. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 352 and 323 of the Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a more severe sentence than if it had convicted him under section 323 only.

(k.) A wrongfully kills a buffalo worth sixty rupees belonging to B, and then takes away the carcass in a manner amounting to theft. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 429 and 379, Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a more severe sentence than if it had convicted him under section 429 only.

(l.) Several stolen sacks of corn are made over to A and B, who know they are stolen property. A and B thereupon assist each other to conceal the sacks at the bottom of a grain-pit. A and B may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 411 and 414, Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries them may not inflict a severer sentence than if it had convicted them under one of those sections only.

(m.) A uses a forged document in evidence, in order to convict B, a public servant, of an offence under section 167. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 471 (read with 466) and 196 of the Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a severer sentence than if it had convicted him under one of those sections only.

To paragraph III.

(n.) A commits house-breaking by day with intent to commit adultery, and commits, in the house so entered, adultery with B's wife. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 454 and 497, Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a severer sentence than if it had convicted him under section 497 only.

(o.) A robs B, and, in doing so, voluntarily causes hurt to him. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 328, 392 and 394 of the Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a severer sentence than if it had convicted him under section 392 or 394 only.

(p.) A entices B, the wife of C, away, and then commits adultery with her. A may be separately charged with, and convicted of, offences under sections 498 and 497, Indian Penal Code; but the Court which tries him may not inflict a severer sentence than if it had convicted him under section 497 only.

455. If a single act or set of acts is of such a nature that it is doubtful which of

Where it is doubtful what offence has been committed.

several offences the facts which can be proved will constitute, the accused person may be charged with having committed any such offence; and any number of such charges may be tried at once, or he may be charged in the alternative with having committed some one of the said offences.

Illustration.

A is accused of an act which may amount to either theft, receiving stolen property, criminal breach of trust, or cheating. He may be charged separately with theft, criminal breach of trust, and cheating, or he may be charged with having committed either theft, or criminal breach of trust, or cheating.

456. If, in the case mentioned in the last section, one charge only is brought against

When a person charged with one offence, he can be convicted of another.

an accused person, and it appears in evidence only that he committed a different offence, for which he might have been charged under the provisions of that section, he may be convicted of the offence which he is shown to have committed, although he was not charged with it.

Illustration.

A is charged with theft. It appears that he committed criminal breach of trust, or receiving stolen goods. He may be convicted of criminal breach of trust, or receiving stolen goods, though he was not charged with it.

457. When a person is charged with an offence, and part of the charge is not proved, but the part which is proved amounts to a different offence, he may be convicted of the offence which he is proved to have committed, though he was not charged with it.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is charged under section 407, Indian Penal Code, with criminal breach of trust in respect of property entrusted to him as a carrier. It appears that he did commit criminal breach of trust under section 406 in respect of the property, but that it was not entrusted to him as a carrier. He may be convicted of criminal breach of trust under section 406.

(b.) A is charged with murder. He may be convicted of culpable homicide, or of causing death by negligence.

458. When more persons than one are accused of the same offence, or of different offences committed in the same transaction, or when one person is accused of committing any offence, and another of abetment of, or attempt to commit, such offence, they may be charged and tried together, or separately, as the Court thinks proper, and the provisions hereinbefore contained shall apply to all such charges.

Illustrations.

(a.) A and B are accused of the same murder. A and B may be charged and tried together for the murder.

(b.) A and B are accused of a robbery, in the course of which A commits a murder with which B has nothing to do. A and B may be tried together on a charge, charging both of them with the robbery, and A alone with the murder.

(c.) A and B are both charged with a theft, and B is charged with two other thefts committed by him in the course of the same transaction. A and B may be both tried together on a charge, charging both with the one theft, and B alone with the two other thefts.

459. In trials before a Court of Session or High Court, when more charges than one are preferred against the same person, and when a conviction has been had on one or more of them, the Government Pleader or other officer conducting the prosecution may, with the consent of the Court, withdraw, or the Court of its own accord may suspend, the inquiry into the remaining charge or charges.

PREVIOUS ACQUITTALS OR CONVICTIONS.

460. A person who has once been tried for an offence and convicted or acquitted of such offence, shall, while such conviction or acquittal remains in force, not be liable to be tried again on the same facts for the same offence, nor for any other offence for which a different charge from the one made against him might have been made under section four hundred and fifty-five, or for which he might have been convicted under section four hundred and fifty-six.

A person convicted or acquitted of any offence may be afterwards tried for any offence for which a separate charge might have been made against him on the former trial under section four hundred and fifty-four, paragraph I.

A person acquitted or convicted of any offence in respect of any act causing consequences which, together with such act, constituted a different offence from that for which such person was acquitted or convicted, may be afterwards tried for such last-mentioned offence, if the consequences had not happened, or were not known to the Court to have happened, at the time when he was acquitted or convicted.

A person acquitted or convicted of any offence in respect of any facts may, notwithstanding such acquittal or conviction, be subsequently charged with and tried for any other offence which he may have committed in respect of the same facts, if the Court by which he was first tried was not competent to try the offence with which he is subsequently charged.

Illustrations.

(a.) A is tried upon a charge of theft as a servant and acquitted. He cannot afterwards be charged, upon the same facts, either with theft as a servant, with theft simply, or with criminal breach of trust.

(b.) A is tried upon a charge of murder and acquitted. There is no charge of robbery; but it appears from the facts that A committed robbery at the time when the murder was committed; he may afterwards be charged with, and tried for, robbery.

(c.) A is tried for an assault and convicted. The person afterwards dies. A may be tried again for culpable homicide.

(d.) A is tried under section 270 of the Indian Penal Code for malignantly doing an act likely to spread the infection of a disease dangerous to life and is acquitted. The act so done afterwards causes a person permanently to lose his eyesight. A may be charged, under section 325, with voluntarily causing grievous hurt to that person.

(e.) A is charged before the Court of Session and convicted of the culpable homicide of B. A may not afterwards be tried for the murder of B on the same facts.

(f.) A is charged by a Magistrate of the first class with, and convicted by him of, voluntarily causing hurt to B. A may not afterwards be tried for voluntarily causing grievous hurt to B, on the same facts, unless the case comes within paragraph 3.

(g.) A is charged by a Magistrate of the second class with, and convicted by him of, theft of property from the person of B. A may be subsequently charged with, and tried for, robbery on the same facts.

(h.) A, B, and C are charged by a Magistrate of the first class with, and convicted by him of, robbing D. A, B, and C may afterwards be charged with, and tried for, dacoity on the same facts.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

OF THE JUDGMENT, ORDER, AND SENTENCE.

461. When the trial in any Criminal Court is concluded, the Court, in passing judgment, if the accused person be convicted, shall distinctly specify the offence of which, and the section of the Indian Penal Code or other law under which, he is convicted;

or, if it be doubtful under which of two sections, or under which of two parts of the same section, such offence falls, the Court shall distinctly express the same, and pass judgment in the alternative, according to section seventy-two of the said Code.

462. In trials with assessors, when the exhibits have been perused, the witnesses examined, and the parties heard in person or by their respective pleaders, the Court shall pronounce its judgment. The judgment shall be pronounced in open Court, either immediately or on some future day, of which due notice shall be given to the parties or their pleaders.

Judgment to be written in English or language of district. 463. The judgment or final order shall be written by the presiding officer of the Court in English, or the language of the district.

If the language of the Judge be not English, the judgment shall not be written in English, unless the Judge be sufficiently conversant with the English language to be able to write a clear and intelligible decision in that language.

Proviso,

464. The judgment or final order shall contain the point or points for determination, the finding thereupon, and the reasons for the finding, and shall be dated and signed by the Judge in open Court at the time of pronouncing it. When a judgment or final order has been so signed, it cannot be altered or reviewed by the Court which gives such judgment or order. It shall specify the offence of which the accused person is convicted, and the punishment to which he is sentenced; or, if it be a finding of acquittal, it shall direct that he be set at liberty.

The judgment or order shall be explained to the accused person, or person affected by it; and a copy shall be given him in his own language as soon as possible.

The original shall be filed with the record of proceedings, and a translation thereof, where the original is recorded in a different language from that in ordinary use in the district, shall be incorporated in the record of the case.

Judgment to be translated.

In trials by jury, the Court need not state its reasons for its judgment, but shall record the heads of the charge to the jury.

If the Judge differ from the jury and determine to submit the case to the High Court, he shall record the grounds of his opinion.

Nothing herein contained shall prevent any Court from recalling any order other than a final order.

No error or defect in any judgment shall invalidate the proceedings.

CHAPTER XXXV.

PROSECUTIONS IN CERTAIN CASES.

465. A complaint of an offence punishable under Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code, except section one hundred and twenty-seven, or punishable under section two hundred and ninety-four A of the said Code, shall not be entertained by any Court, unless the prosecution be instituted by order of, or under authority from, the Governor-General of India in Council or the Local Government, or some officer empowered by the Governor-General in Council to order or authorize such prosecution, or unless instituted by the Advocate-General.

466. A complaint of an offence committed by a public servant in his capacity as such public servant, of which any Judge or any public servant not removeable from his office without the sanction of the Government is accused as such Judge or public servant, shall not be entertained against such Judge or public servant, except with the sanction or under the direction of the Local Government, or of some officer empowered by the Local Government, or of some Court or other authority to which such Judge or public servant is subordinate, and whose power so to sanction or direct such prosecution the Local Government shall not think fit to limit or reserve.

No such Judge or public servant shall be prosecuted for any act purporting to be done by him in the discharge of his duty, unless with the sanction of Government.

The sanction must be given before the commencement of the proceedings.

The Local Government may limit the person by whom, and the manner in which, the prosecution is to be conducted, and may specify the Court before which the trial is to be held.

467. A complaint of any offence described in Chapter X of the Indian Penal Code, not falling within section four hundred and thirty-five or four hundred and thirty-six of this Act, shall not be entertained in any Criminal Court, except with the sanction or on the complaint of the public servant concerned, or of his official superior.

The prohibition contained in this section shall not apply to the offences described in sections one hundred and eighty-nine and one hundred and ninety of the Indian Penal Code.

468. A complaint of an offence against public justice, described in sections one hundred and ninety-three, one hundred and ninety-four, one hundred and ninety-five, one hundred and ninety-six, one hundred and ninety-nine, two hundred, two hundred and five, two hundred and six, two hundred and seven, two hundred and eight, two hundred and nine, two hundred and ten, two hundred and eleven, or two hundred and twenty-eight of the Indian Penal Code, when such offence is committed before or against a Civil or Criminal Court, shall not be entertained in the Criminal Courts, except with the sanction of the Court before or against which the offence was committed, or of some other Court to which such Court is subordinate.

469. A complaint of an offence relating to documents, described in sections four hundred and sixty-three, four hundred and seventy-one, four hundred and seventy-five, or four hundred and seventy-six of the Indian Penal Code, when the document has been given in evidence in any proceedings in any Civil or Criminal Court, shall not be entertained against a party to such proceedings, except with the sanction of the Court in which the document was given in evidence, or of some other Court to which such Court is subordinate.

470. The sanction referred to in sections four hundred and sixty-seven, four hundred and sixty-eight, and four hundred and sixty-nine, may be expressed in general terms, and need not name the accused person.

Such sanction may be given at any time, and a sanction under any one of the three last-preceding sections shall be deemed sufficient authority for the Court to amend

the charge to one of an offence coming within either of the two remaining sections, if the facts disclose such offence.

EXPLANATION.—In cases under this chapter, the report or application of the public servant or Court shall be deemed sufficient complaint.

441. When any Court, Civil or Criminal, is of opinion that there is sufficient ground for inquiring into any charge mentioned in sections four hundred and sixty-seven, four hundred and sixty-eight, and four hundred and sixty-nine, such Court, after making such preliminary inquiry as may be necessary, may either commit the case itself, or may send the case for inquiry to any Magistrate having power to try or commit for trial the accused person for the offence charged.

Such Magistrate shall thereupon proceed according to law; and the Court may send the accused person in custody, or take sufficient bail for his appearance before such Magistrate; and may bind over any person to appear and give evidence on such trial or inquiry.

The Magistrate receiving the case may, if he is authorized to make transfers of cases, transfer the inquiry to some other competent Magistrate, instead of completing the inquiry himself.

472. A Court of Session may charge a person for any such offence committed before it, or under its own cognizance, if the offence be triable by the Court of Session exclusively, and may commit, or hold to bail and try, such person upon its own charge.

In such case, the Court of Session shall have the same power of summoning, and causing the attendance at the trial, of any witnesses for the prosecution or for the defence, as is vested in a Magistrate by this Act.

Such Court may direct the Magistrate to cause the attendance of such witnesses on the trial.

473. Except as provided in sections four hundred and thirty-five, four hundred and thirty-six, and four hundred and seventy-two, no Court shall try any person for an offence committed in contempt of its own authority.

474. In any case triable by the Court of Session exclusively, any Civil Court before which such offence was committed may, instead of sending the case for inquiry to a Magistrate, complete the inquiry itself, and commit or hold to bail the accused person to take his trial before the Court of Session.

For the purposes of an inquiry under this section, the Civil Court may exercise all the powers of a Magistrate; and its proceedings in such inquiry shall be deemed to have been held by a Magistrate.

If a Civil Court sends a case for inquiry and commitment to a Magistrate, he is bound to receive and dispose of it; but if a Civil Court makes a commitment, it shall complete the inquiry itself.

475. When any such commitment is made by order of a Civil Court, the Court shall frame a charge in the manner hereinbefore provided, and shall send the same with the order of commitment and the record of the case to the Magistrate of the District, or other Magistrate of the first class; and such Magistrate shall bring the case before the Court of Session, together with the witnesses for the prosecution and defence.

476. Whenever any Court of Session or Civil Court commits or holds to bail any person for trial under sections four hundred and seventy-two, four hundred and seventy-four, or four hundred and seventy-five, it may also bind over any person to give evidence, and for that purpose may exercise all the powers of a Magistrate.

477. If any such offence, triable by the Court of Session exclusively, be committed before a Magistrate not empowered to commit for trial before a Court of Session, he shall send the case to a Magistrate competent to make such commitment, who shall proceed to pass such order in the case as he thinks fit.

478. A complaint of an offence under section four hundred and ninety-seven of the Indian Penal Code shall not be instituted except by the husband of the woman, or by any person under whose care she was living at the time when the adultery was committed.

479. A complaint of an offence under section four hundred and ninety-eight of the Indian Penal Code shall not be instituted, except by the husband of the woman, or by the person having care of such woman on behalf of her husband.
- Prosecution for enticing away a married woman.

PART XL.

PREVENTIVE JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

OF THE DISPERSION OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES.

480. Any Magistrate or officer in charge of a Police-station may command any unlawful assembly, or any assembly of five or more persons likely to cause a disturbance of the public peace, to disperse; and it shall thereupon be the duty of the members of such assembly to disperse accordingly.
- Assembly to disperse on command of Magistrate or Police officer.

481. If, upon being so commanded, any such assembly does not disperse, or if, without being so commanded, it conducts itself in such a manner as to show a determination not to disperse, any Magistrate or officer in charge of a Police-station may proceed to disperse such assembly by force, and may require the assistance of any person, other than any European or Native Troops of Her Majesty acting as such, for the purpose of dispersing it, and arresting the persons who form part of it.
- Use of force to disperse.

482. If an unlawful assembly cannot be otherwise dispersed, and if it is necessary for the public security that it should be dispersed, the Magistrate of the highest rank who is present may cause it to be dispersed by Military force.
- Use of Military force.

483. No Magistrate shall be held to commit any offence by ordering the dispersion, by Military force, of any assembly, the dispersion of which he regards, on reasonable grounds and in good faith, as necessary to the public security.
- When use of Military force is not an offence.

484. When a Magistrate determines to disperse an assembly by Military force, he may require any officer in command of any of Her Majesty's Troops, whether European or Native, to disperse such assembly by such force; and it shall be the duty of every such officer to obey every such requisition in such manner as in his discretion appears proper; but in doing so he shall use as little force, and do as little injury to person and property, as is consistent with dispersing the assembly and arresting and detaining such persons as he may be directed by the Magistrate to arrest and detain, or as it may be necessary to arrest and detain for the purpose of dispersing the assembly.
- Duty of officer commanding troops required by Magistrate to disperse assembly.

485. No officer obeying any such requisition shall be held to have committed any offence by any act done by him in good faith in order to comply with it.
- What acts done in obeying requisition not an offence.

486. No inferior officer or private soldier shall be held to have committed any offence by any act done for the dispersion of any such assembly in obedience to any order which he was bound by the Mutiny Act or by the Indian Articles of War to obey.
- Acts of inferior officers and soldiers, done in obedience to order, not an offence.

487. When the public security is manifestly endangered by an unlawful assembly, and when no Magistrate can be communicated with, any Commissioned Officer of Her Majesty's European or Native Forces may disperse any such assembly by Military force; and in doing so, he shall have the same protection as a Magistrate, and all officers and soldiers acting under his orders shall have the protection mentioned in section four hundred and eighty-six; but as soon as such Commissioned Officer can communicate with any Magistrate, it is his duty to do so.
- Duty of Queen's officers to suppress assembly.

488. No prosecution against any Magistrate, officer or soldier, for any act done under the provisions contained in sections four hundred and eighty-one, four hundred and eighty-two, four hundred and eighty-four and four hundred and eighty-seven, shall be instituted in any Criminal Court, except with the sanction of the Government of India, or the Government of Madras or Bombay.

Sanction required to prosecutions for acts done under sections 481, 482, 484, and 487.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

OF SECURITY FOR KEEPING THE PEACE.

489. Whenever a person accused of rioting, assault, or other breach of the peace, or with abetting the same, or with assembling armed men or taking other unlawful measures with the evident intention of committing the same, is convicted of such offence before a Court of Session, or Magistrate of a division of a District, or Magistrate of the first class, and the Court or Magistrate by which or by whom such person is convicted, or the Court or Magistrate by which or by whom the final sentence or order in the case is passed, is of opinion that it is just and necessary to require such person to give a personal recognizance for keeping the peace,

such Court or Magistrate may, in addition to any other order passed in the case, direct that the person so convicted be required to execute a formal engagement, in a sum proportionate to his condition in life and the circumstances of the case, for keeping the peace during such period as it may appear proper to fix in each instance, not exceeding one year if the sentence or order be passed by a Magistrate, or three years if the sentence or final order be passed by a Court of Session, with a provision that, if the same be not given, the person required to enter into the engagement shall be kept in simple imprisonment for any time not exceeding one year if the order be passed by a Magistrate, or three years if the order be passed by the High Court or by a Court of Session, unless within such period such person execute such formal engagement as aforesaid.

If the accused person be sentenced to imprisonment, the period for which he may be required to execute a recognizance, and the imprisonment in default of executing such recognizance, shall commence when he is released on the expiration of his sentence.

When any accused person is convicted of any offence specified in this section by a Magistrate neither in charge of a division of a District, nor of the first class, such Magistrate, if he considers it just and necessary to require a personal recognizance for keeping the peace from the person so convicted, shall report the case to the Magistrate of the District, the Magistrate of the division of the District, or to a Magistrate of the first class to whom such Magistrate is subordinate; and the Magistrate to whom the case is so reported shall deal with the case as if the conviction had been before himself.

In any case where the order is not made at the time of signing, or by the Court which signs, the judgment, the convict must be produced before the Magistrate who adds the order to enter into a personal recognizance to the original sentence.

490. Whenever it appears necessary to require security for keeping the peace, in addition to the personal recognizance of the party so convicted, the Court or Magistrate empowered to require a personal recognizance may require security in addition thereto, and may fix the amount of the security-bond to be executed by the surety or sureties; with a provision that, if the same be not given, the party required to find the security shall be kept in simple imprisonment for any time not exceeding one year if the order be passed by the Magistrate of the District, Magistrate of a division of a District, or by a first class Magistrate, or three years if the order be passed by the High Court or by a Court of Session.

491. Whenever a Magistrate of a division of a District, or a Magistrate of the first class, receives information that any person is likely to commit a breach of the peace, or to do any act that may probably occasion a breach of the peace, he may summon such person to attend at a time and place mentioned in the summons, to show cause why he should not be required to enter into a bond to keep the peace, with or without sureties, as such Magistrate thinks fit.

Summons to any person to show cause why he should not give bond to keep the peace.

EXPLANATION I.—A summons calling on a person to show cause why he should not be bound over to keep the peace, may be issued on any report or other information which appears credible and which the Magistrate believes; but the Magistrate cannot bind over a person until he has adjudicated on evidence before him.

EXPLANATION II.—A Magistrate may recall a summons issued under this section if he thinks proper.

492. Such summons shall set forth the substance of the report or information on

Form of summons. which it is issued, the amount of the bond, and the term for which it is to be in force, and, if security is called for, the number of sureties required, and the amount in which they are to be bound respectively, and the time and place at which the person summoned is required to attend.

EXPLANATION.—When the parties are present in Court no summons is necessary, but the person to whom a summons would have been issued must have an opportunity to show cause why he should not be bound.

493. The bond shall be in the Form (E) given in the second schedule, or to the like effect; and its penalty shall be fixed with a due regard to the circumstances of the case and the means of the party.

The amount in which the sureties shall be bound shall not exceed the penalty named in the bond.

494. If the person summoned does not attend at the time and place named in the summons on the day appointed, such Magistrate, if satisfied that the summons has been duly served, may issue a warrant for his arrest:

Warrant of arrest. Provided that, whenever it appears to such Magistrate, upon the report of a Police officer or upon other credible information (the substance of which report or information shall be recorded), that there is just reason to fear the commission of a breach of the peace, which may probably be prevented by the immediate arrest of any person, the Magistrate may at any time issue a warrant for his arrest.

495. The Magistrate may, if he sees sufficient cause, dispense with the personal attendance of the person informed against under section four hundred and ninety-one, and may permit him to appear and enter into the required security, or show cause against such requisition, by an agent duly authorized to act in his behalf.

496. If on the appearance of such person informed against, or of his agent, if he is permitted to appear by agent, the Magistrate is not satisfied that there is occasion to bind such person to keep the peace, the Magistrate shall direct his discharge.

497. If the Magistrate is satisfied that it is necessary for the preservation of the peace to take a bond from such person with or without security, he shall make an order accordingly; and if such person fails to comply with the order, the Magistrate may order him to be kept in simple imprisonment until he furnish the same.

Time for which person may be bound to keep peace. 498. The period for which the Magistrate may bind a person to keep the peace, with or without security, shall not exceed one year.

When a person is imprisoned under section four hundred and ninety-seven, he shall not be detained by authority of the Magistrate beyond the term of one year, and shall be released whenever, within that term, he complies with the order.

499. Whenever it appears to the Magistrate that it is necessary for the preservation of the peace to bind a person beyond the term of one year, he may, before the expiration of the first year, record his opinion to that effect and the grounds thereof, and may refer the case for the orders of the Court of Session.

Such Court, after examining the proceedings of the Magistrate, and making such further inquiry as it thinks necessary, may, if it see cause, authorize the Magistrate to extend the term for a further period not exceeding one year.

If such person fails to give a bond, with security if required, for his keeping the peace for such further period as the Magistrate, under the orders of the Court of Session, directs, he may be kept in simple imprisonment for such further period, or until, within that period, he gives such bond.

EXPLANATION.—When the subject of dispute, or ground for apprehension, is the same as that on which the first order was passed, the Magistrate must proceed under this section if the first bond is still in force, and not under section four hundred and ninety-one.

500. The Magistrate of the District may, if he see sufficient cause, discharge any ^{Discharge of recogni-} recognizance and surety for keeping the peace taken by him, or by ^{zances.} any Magistrate subordinate to him, or by his predecessor, under the preceding sections, and may order the release of the person confined for default in entering into such recognizance or giving such security.

501. A surety for the peaceable conduct of another person ^{Discharge of sureties.} may at any time apply to the Magistrate to be relieved from his engagement as surety.

On such application being made, the Magistrate shall issue his summons or warrant in order that the person for whom such surety is bound may appear or be brought before him.

On the appearance of the person to such warrant, or on his voluntary surrender, the Magistrate shall direct the engagement of the surety to be cancelled, and shall call upon such person to give fresh security, and, in default thereof, shall order him to be kept in simple imprisonment.

502. Whenever it is proved before the Magistrate that any recognizance or other ^{Recovery of penalty} bond taken under this chapter has been forfeited, he shall record ^{from principal.} the grounds of such proof, and shall call upon the person bound by such recognizance or bond to pay the penalty thereof, or to show cause why it should not be paid.

If sufficient cause be not shown and the penalty be not paid, the Magistrate shall proceed to recover the same by issuing a warrant for the attachment and sale of any of the moveable property belonging to the person bound by such recognizance or bond.

Such warrant may be executed within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District in which it is issued; and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to the person bound, without the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated.

If such penalty be not paid and cannot be recovered by such attachment and sale, such person shall be liable to imprisonment by order of the Magistrate in the civil jail for a period not exceeding six months.

The penalty shall not be enforced until the person bound has had an opportunity of showing cause, and until the breach of the conditions has been proved.

The commission, or attempt to commit, or abetment, of any offence whatever, and wherever it may be committed, is a breach of the bond.

Proceedings under this chapter may be taken either in the district in which the breach of the peace is apprehended, or where an offence has been committed in breach of the bond, or in any district where the person it is desired to bind may be.

503. Whenever it is proved before the Magistrate that any bond with a surety ^{Recovery of penalty} has been forfeited, the Magistrate may at his discretion give notice ^{from surety.} to the surety to pay the penalty to which he has thereby become

liable, or to show cause why it should not be paid.

If no sufficient cause is shown, and such penalty is not paid, the Magistrate may proceed to recover payment of the penalty from such surety in the same manner as from the principal party.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

504. Whenever it appears to the Magistrate of the District, or to a Magistrate

When Magistrate may require security for good behaviour for six months.

of the first class, that any person is lurking within his jurisdiction, or that there is within his jurisdiction a person who has no ostensible means of subsistence, or who cannot give a satisfactory account of himself, such Magistrate may require such security for such person's good behaviour for a period not exceeding six months as to him may appear good and sufficient.

If in any case under this, or the two following sections, the person to be bound is ^{Binding of sentenced} under sentence for an offence, he must be brought up on or after ^{person.} the expiration of his sentence for the purpose of being bound.

If a Sessions Judge, or Magistrate of the second or third class, considers, from evidence taken in any proceedings before him, that any person should be required to enter into a bond to be of good behaviour, he may send such person in custody to a competent Magistrate.

When Sessions Judge or unauthorized Magistrate thinks a person should be bound.

A Magistrate in charge of a Division of a District, exercising the powers of a Magistrate of the second class, may make any inquiry necessary under this chapter, and may submit his proceedings to the Magistrate of the District, who may pass such order on them, either directing the person whose character was inquired into to furnish security or not, as he thinks fit.

Powers of Magistrate of Division of District, being a Magistrate of the second class, to inquire.

505. Whenever it appears to such Magistrate, from the evidence as to general character adduced before him, that any person is by repute a robber, house-breaker, or thief, or a receiver of stolen property, knowing the same to have been stolen, or of notoriously bad livelihood, or is a dangerous character, such Magistrate may require similar security for the good behaviour of such person for a period not exceeding one year.

When Magistrate may require security for good behaviour for one year.

506. Whenever it appears to such Magistrate, from the evidence as to general character adduced before him, that any person is by habit a robber, house-breaker, or thief, or a receiver of stolen property, knowing the same to have been stolen, or of a character so desperate and dangerous as to render his release without security, at the expiration of the limited period of one year, hazardous to the community, he shall record his opinion to that effect, with an order specifying the amount of security which should, in his judgment, be required from such person, as well as the number, character, and class of sureties, and period, not exceeding three years, for which the sureties should be responsible for such person's good behaviour; and if such person does not comply with the order, the Magistrate shall issue a warrant directing his detention pending the orders of the Court of Session.

Procedure where security required for more than one year.

507. If a person required to furnish security under the provisions of the last preceding section does not furnish the same, or offers sureties whom the Magistrate sees fit to reject, the proceedings shall be laid, as soon as conveniently may be, before the Court of Session.

Proceedings to be laid before Court of Session.

Such Court, after examining such proceedings and requiring any further information or evidence which it thinks necessary, may pass orders on the case, either confirming, modifying or annulling the orders of such Magistrate, as it thinks proper.

508. If the Court of Session does not think it safe to direct the immediate discharge of such person, it shall fix a period for his detention, not exceeding three years, in the event of his not giving the security required from him.

Court of Session may require security for period not exceeding three years.

509. Whenever security for good behaviour is required by the Court of Session or by a Magistrate, the amount, the security, the number and description of sureties, and the period of time for which the sureties are to be responsible for the good conduct of the person required to furnish security, shall be stated in the order.

Contents of order for security.

The security-bond shall be in the Form (G) given in the second schedule, or to the like effect.

510. In the event of any person required to give security under the provisions of this chapter failing to furnish the security so required, he shall be committed to prison until he furnish the same.

Imprisonment in default of security.

Provided that no such person shall be kept in prison for a longer period than that for which the security has been required from him.

Term of imprisonment.

Imprisonment under this section may be rigorous or simple, as the Court or Magistrate in each case directs.

511. The Magistrate of the District may, at any time, exercise his discretion in releasing, without reference to any other authority, any prisoner confined under requisition of security for good behaviour, whether by his own order, or that of his predecessor in office, or by the order of any officer subordinate to him, provided he is of opinion that such person can be released without hazard to the community.

Release of prisoners under requisition of security.

512. Whenever the Magistrate of the District is of opinion that any person confined under requisition of security for good behaviour, by order of a Court of Session, can be safely released without such security, such Magistrate shall make an immediate report of the case for the orders of such Court of Session.

Report in case of prisoner under requisition of security by order of Court of Session.

513. A surety for the good behaviour of a person may at any time apply to a competent Magistrate to be relieved from his engagement as such surety.

Discharge of surety.

On such application being made, such Magistrate shall issue his summons or warrant in order that such person may appear or be brought before him.

On the appearance of such person pursuant to such summons or warrant, or on his voluntary surrender, such Magistrate shall direct the engagement of the surety to be cancelled, and shall call upon the person so appearing or surrendering to give fresh security, and, in default thereof, shall commit him to custody.

514. Whenever a competent Magistrate is of opinion that, by reason of an offence proved to have been committed by a person for whose good behaviour security has been given, subsequent to his having given such security, proceedings should be had upon the bond executed by the surety, such Magistrate shall give notice to the surety to pay the penalty, or to show cause why it should not be paid.

If such penalty be not paid and no sufficient cause for non-payment be shown, such Magistrate shall proceed to recover the penalty from such surety by issuing a warrant for the attachment and sale of any moveable property belonging to him. Such warrant may be executed within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate of the District in which it is issued; and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any moveable property belonging to such surety, without the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate, when endorsed by the Magistrate of the District in which such property is situated.

If such penalty be not paid and cannot be recovered by such attachment and sale, the surety shall be liable to imprisonment by order of such Magistrate in the civil jail for a period not exceeding six months.

515. The provisions of sections four hundred and ninety-two and four hundred and ninety-four, relating to the issue of summons and warrant of arrest for securing the personal attendance of the party informed against, when such party is not in custody, shall apply to proceedings taken under this chapter against persons required to give security for their good behaviour.

Issue of summons and warrant of arrest.

Place where proceedings may be held.

Manner of taking evidence under Chapter XXXVII or this chapter.

Previous convictions may be proved.

Sureties may be rejected on the ground of character.

Chapter not applicable to European British subjects.

Proceedings may be taken under this chapter against persons amenable to its provisions, in any district where they may be.

Any evidence, taken under Chapter XXXVII or this chapter, shall be taken as in cases usually heard by a Magistrate upon summons.

Any previous conviction against the person to be bound may be proved on proceedings held under this chapter.

516. A Magistrate may refuse to accept any surety offered under this chapter, on the ground that such surety is an unfit person.

517. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to European British subjects.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

LOCAL NUISANCES.

518. A Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or any Magistrate specially empowered, may, by a written order, direct any person to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession, or under his management, whenever such Magistrate considers that such direction is likely to prevent, or tends to prevent,

Magistrate may issue orders to prevent obstructions, danger to human life, or riots.

obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any persons lawfully employed, or danger to human life, health or safety, or a riot or an affray.

EXPLANATION I.—This section is intended to provide for cases where a speedy remedy is desirable, and where the delay which would be occasioned by a resort to the procedure contained in section five hundred and twenty-one and the next following sections, would, in the opinion of the Magistrate, occasion a greater evil than that suffered by the person upon whom the order was made, or would defeat the intention of this chapter.

EXPLANATION II.—An order may, in cases of emergency or in cases where the circumstances do not admit of the serving of notice, be passed *ex parte*, and may in all cases be made upon such information as satisfies the Magistrate.

EXPLANATION III.—An order may be directed to a particular individual, or to the public generally when frequenting or visiting a particular place.

EXPLANATION IV.—Any Magistrate may recall or alter any order made under this section by himself or by his predecessor in the same office.

519. A Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or any Magistrate specially empowered, may enjoin any person not to repeat or continue a public nuisance, as defined in section two hundred and sixty-eight of the Indian Penal Code, or under any local or special law.

Magistrate may prohibit repetition or continuance of public nuisances.

Orders not judicial proceedings.

520. Orders made under sections five hundred and eighteen and five hundred and nineteen are not judicial proceedings.

521. Whenever a Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or, when empowered by the Local Government in this behalf, a Magistrate of the first class, considers that any unlawful

Magistrate may order removal of nuisances.

obstruction or nuisance should be removed from any thoroughfare or public place, or that any trade or occupation, by reason of its being injurious to the health or comfort of the community, should be suppressed or should be removed to a different place, or that the construction of any building, or the disposal of any combustible substance, as likely to occasion conflagration, should be prevented,

or that any building is in such a state of weakness that it is likely to fall, and thereby cause injury to persons passing by, and that its removal in consequence is necessary,

or that any tank or well adjacent to any public thoroughfare should be fenced in such a manner as to prevent danger arising to the public—

such Magistrate may issue an order to the person causing such obstruction or nuisance, or carrying on such trade or occupation, or being the owner or in possession of, or having control over, such building, substance, tank or well, as aforesaid, calling on him, within a time to be fixed in the order,

to remove such obstruction or nuisance,

or to suppress or remove such trade or occupation,

or to stop the construction of such building,

or to remove it,

or to alter the disposal of such substance,

or to fence such tank or well, as the case may be,

or to appear before himself or some other Magistrate of the first or second class within the time mentioned in the order, and show cause why such order should not be enforced.

Order to be a judicial proceeding.

The issue of an order under this section shall be a judicial proceeding, whether or not evidence is taken therein.

Such order may be issued on a report or other information which the Magistrate

Order to be in the alternative.

believes, and shall direct the person to whom it is addressed, either to obey it, or to show cause why it should not be obeyed. The order shall not be made absolute, except as is hereinafter provided, until opportunity has been given to the person affected to show cause.

EXPLANATION.—A “public place” includes property belonging to the State, camping grounds, and grounds left unoccupied for sanitary and recreative purposes.

Service or notification of order.

522. The order mentioned in section five hundred and twenty-one shall, if practicable, be served personally on the person to whom it is issued.

But if personal service is found to be impracticable, such order shall be notified by proclamation, and a written notice thereof shall be stuck up at such place or places as may be best adapted for conveying the information to such person.

523. The person to whom such order is issued shall be bound, within the time specified in the order, to obey the same, or to appear before the Magistrate before whom he was required by the order to appear and show cause as aforesaid; or he may apply to such Magistrate for an order for a jury to be appointed to try whether such order is reasonable and proper.

On receiving such application, such Magistrate shall forthwith appoint a jury consisting of an uneven number of persons not less than five, of whom the foreman and one-half of the remaining members shall be nominated by such Magistrate, and the other members by the applicant.

The execution of the order shall be suspended pending such inquiry, and the Magistrate who issued the order or before whom the applicant appears shall be guided by the decision of the jury, which shall be according to the opinion of the majority.

If the applicant by neglect or otherwise prevents, or if he does not claim, the appointment of a jury, or if from any cause the jury so appointed do not decide and report within a reasonable time, the Magistrate may pass such order as he thinks proper, which order shall be carried out in the manner hereinafter provided.

The time within which the report is to be made shall be fixed by the Magistrate in the order for the appointment of the jury, and may from time to time be extended by him. When the jury have made their report, the order of the Magistrate must be founded thereon, except in cases falling under section five hundred and twenty-eight.

524. Such Magistrate may summon so many jurors as may be necessary, and such persons shall be bound to attend and make their inquiry and report.

Any juror failing to attend, or neglecting his duty as a juror, shall be liable to be dealt with under section one hundred and seventy-four of the Indian Penal Code.

525. If the person to whom the order mentioned in section five hundred and twenty-one is issued appears to show cause against the same, as hereinafter provided, the Magistrate shall take evidence in the matter, but if he does not appear or does not obey the order,

or apply for a jury within the time specified in such order, he shall be liable to the penalty prescribed in that behalf in section one hundred and eighty-eight of the Indian Penal Code;

and the Magistrate who issued such order may proceed to carry it into execution at the expense of such person, and may realize such expenses, either by the sale of any building, goods, or other property removed by his order, or by the distress and sale of such moveable property of such person within or without his jurisdiction. If such property is without his jurisdiction, the order shall authorize its attachment and sale when endorsed by the Magistrate in whose jurisdiction the goods are attached.

No suit shall lie in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done in carrying out the provisions of this section.

526. If, in a case referred to a jury, the jury find that the order of the Magistrate is reasonable and proper, as originally made, or subject to a modification which the Magistrate accepts, the Magistrate who issued the order, or before whom cause was shown, shall give notice of such finding to the person to whom the order was issued, and shall add to such notice and order to obey the aforesaid order, within a time to be fixed in the notice, and an intimation that, in case of disobedience, such person will be liable to the penalty provided by section one hundred and eighty-eight of the Indian Penal Code.

If such latter order is not obeyed, the Magistrate may proceed as in section five hundred and twenty-five.

527. If the person to whom the order of the Magistrate, under section four hundred and twenty-one, is issued appears and shows cause against it, so as to satisfy the Magistrate who issued it, that it is not reasonable and proper, no further proceedings shall be taken in the case.

Procedure where person ordered satisfies Magistrate that order is not reasonable.

528. If the Magistrate who issued the order considers that immediate measures are necessary to be taken to prevent imminent danger or injury of a serious kind to the public, he may issue such an injunction to the person to whom the order under section five hundred and twenty-one was issued, as is required to obviate or prevent such danger or injury, whether a jury is to be, or has been, appointed or not.

In default of such person forthwith taking all necessary measures ordered to be taken by such injunction, the Magistrate may himself use, or cause to be used, such means as may be necessary to obviate such danger or to prevent such injury.

No suit shall lie in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done for that purpose.

529. Nothing in this chapter shall interfere with the provisions of section forty-eight of Act No. XXIV of 1859 (*for the better regulation of the Police within the territories subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George*), or of section thirty-four of Act No. V of 1861 (*for the regulation of Police*), or of section sixteen of Act No. VIII of 1867 (*for the regulation of the District Police in the Presidency of Bombay*) of the Governor of Bombay in Council.

CHAPTER XL.

POSSESSION.

530. Whenever the Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or Magistrate of the first class, is satisfied that a dispute likely to induce a breach of the peace exists concerning any land or the boundaries of any land, or concerning any houses, water, fisheries, crops or other produce of land, within the limits of his jurisdiction,

Magistrate how to proceed if any dispute concerning land, &c., is likely to cause breach of the peace.

such Magistrate shall record a proceeding stating the grounds of his being so satisfied, and shall call on all parties concerned in such dispute to attend his Court, in person or by agent, within a time to be fixed by such Magistrate, and to give in a written statement of their respective claims as respects the fact of actual possession of the subject of dispute.

Party in possession to be continued until ousted by due course of law.

Such Magistrate shall, without reference to the merits of the claims of any party to a right of possession, proceed to inquire and decide which party is in possession of the subject of dispute.

After satisfying himself upon that point, he shall issue an order declaring the party or parties to be entitled to retain possession until ousted by due course of law, and forbidding all disturbance of possession until such time.

EXPLANATION.—Such Magistrate may satisfy himself of the existence of a dispute likely to induce a breach of the peace from a report or other information; but the question of possession must be decided on evidence taken before him.

531. If such Magistrate decides that neither of the parties is in possession, or is unable to satisfy himself as to which person is in possession, of the subject of dispute, he may attach it, until a competent Civil Court shall have determined the right of the parties, or who ought to be in possession.

If previous possession cannot be ascertained, Magistrate may attach subject of dispute.

532. If a dispute arise concerning the right of use of any land or water, or any right of way, such Magistrate, within whose jurisdiction the subject of dispute lies, may inquire into the matter; and if it appears to him that the subject of dispute is open to the use of the public, or of any person or of any class of persons, such Magistrate may order that possession thereof shall not be taken or retained by any one to the exclusion of the public, or of such person, or of such class of persons, as the case may be, until the person claiming such possession shall obtain the decision of a competent Civil Court, adjudging him to be entitled to such exclusive possession.

Provided that such Magistrate shall not pass any such order, if the matter be such that the right of use is capable of being exercised at all times of the year, unless such right has been ordinarily exercised within three months from the date of the institution of the inquiry; or, in cases where the right of use exists at particular seasons, unless such right has been exercised during the last of such seasons before the complaint.

533. Whenever a local inquiry is necessary for the purposes of this chapter, any Magistrate of the first class may depute any Magistrate subordinate to him to make the inquiry, and may furnish him with such

Local inquiry to determine boundary dispute.

instructions, consistent with the law for the time being in force, as may seem necessary for his guidance, and may declare by whom the whole or any part of the necessary expenses of the inquiry shall be paid.

534. Whenever, in any Criminal Court, a person is convicted of an offence attended with criminal force, and it appears to such Court that, by such criminal force, any person has been dispossessed of any immoveable property, the Court may order such person to be restored to possession.

Power to restore possession of immoveable property.

No such order shall prejudice any right over such immoveable property which any person may be able to show in a civil suit.

Saving of powers of Collectors and Revenue Courts,

535. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the powers of a Collector, or a person exercising the powers of a Collector, or of a Revenue Court.

CHAPTER XLI.

OF THE MAINTENANCE OF WIVES AND FAMILIES.

536. If any person, having sufficient means, neglects or refuses to maintain his wife, or legitimate or illegitimate child unable to maintain himself, the Magistrate of the District, or a Magistrate of a Division of a District, or a Magistrate of the first class, may, upon due proof thereof by evidence, order such person to make a monthly allowance for the maintenance of his wife or such child, at such monthly rate, not exceeding fifty rupees in the whole, as to such Magistrate seems reasonable.

Order for maintenance of wives and children.

Such allowance shall be payable from the date of the order.

If such person wilfully neglects to comply with this order, such Magistrate may, for every breach of the order, by warrant, direct the amount due to be levied in the manner provided for levying fines; and may order such person to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for any term not exceeding one month, for each month's allowance remaining unpaid:

Enforcement of order.

Provided that, if such person offers to maintain his wife on condition of her living with him, and his wife refuses to live with him, such Magistrate may consider any grounds or refusal stated by such wife; and may make the order allowed by this section notwithstanding such offer, if he is satisfied that such person is living in adultery, or that he has habitually treated his wife with cruelty.

Proviso.

No wife shall be entitled to receive an allowance from her husband under this section, if she is living in adultery, or if, without any sufficient reason, she refuses to live with her husband, or if they are living separately by consent.

537. On the application of any person receiving or ordered to pay a monthly allowance under the provisions of section five hundred and thirty-six, and on proof of a change in the circumstances of such person, his wife, or child, the Magistrate may make such alteration in the allowance ordered as he deems fit, provided the total sum of rupees fifty a month be not exceeded.

Alteration in allowance.

538. A copy of the order of maintenance shall be given to the person for whose maintenance it is made, or to the guardian of such person; and shall be enforceable by any Magistrate in any place where the person to whom the order is addressed may be, on the Magistrate being satisfied as to the identity of the parties and the non-payment of the sum claimed.

Enforcement of order.

PART XII.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

CHAPTER XLII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Procedure in miscellaneous criminal cases and proceedings.

539. The procedure prescribed by this Act shall be followed, so far as it can be, in all miscellaneous criminal cases and proceedings which are instituted in any Court.

540. Nothing in this Act shall be held to alter or affect the jurisdiction or procedure of the Magistrates or Commissioners of Police, or the Police in the Presidency towns, except so far as this Act expressly provides for the same.

Saving of jurisdiction and procedure of Land-Holders, Heads of Villages, Village Police Officers, Cantonment Magistrates.

541. Nothing in this Act shall be held to alter or affect—

(a) the jurisdiction, or procedure of landholders specially empowered according to law in the Presidency of Bombay,

(b) the jurisdiction or procedure of the heads of villages in the Presidency of Fort Saint George,

(c) the jurisdiction or procedure of Village Police Officers in the Presidency of Bombay,

(d) the jurisdiction or procedure of any officer duly authorized and appointed under the laws in force in the Presidencies of Fort Saint George and Bombay respectively, for the trial of petty offences in military bazars at cantonments and stations occupied by the troops of those Presidencies respectively.

SCHEDULE I.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

PART I.—STATUTE.

Year and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
53 Geo. iii, cap. clv.	An Act for continuing in the East India Company, for a further term, the possession of the British territories in India, together with certain exclusive privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the government of the said territories, and the better administration of justice within the same; and for regulating the trade to and from the places within the limits of the said Company's Charter.	Section one hundred and five.

PART II.—Acts.

Number and Year.	Subject or Title.	Extent of repeal.
V of 1841	An Act for the greater uniformity of the process upon trials for State offences, and the amendment of such process in certain cases.	The whole.
XV of 1843	An Act for the more extensive employment of Uncovenanted Agency in the Judicial Department.	Sections three, four, five and six.
XV of 1845	An Act for declaring and enacting the privileges of Native Officers and Soldiers of the Armies of the three Presidencies in respect of Judicial and Revenue proceedings.	So much as has not been repealed.
XXIX of 1845	An Act to empower the Government of Bombay to appoint Joint Zillah Judges or Joint Session Judges.	Ditto.

SCHEDULE I.—PART II.—Acts.—(*Continued.*)

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
VII of 1853	An Act to extend the jurisdiction of Magistrates, under the 53rd Geo. iii, Cap. 155, Section 105, in cases of assaults, forcible entries, and other injuries accompanied with force, not being felonies.	The whole Act.
X of 1854	An Act for regulating the powers of Assistants to Magistrates, and of Deputy Magistrates appointed under Act XV of 1843.	So much as has not been repealed.
XX of 1856	An Act to make better provision for the appointment and maintenance of Police Chowkeydars in Cities, Towns, Stations, Suburbs and Bazars, in the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal.	Section fifty-eight.
XXV of 1861	An Act for simplifying the Procedure of the Courts of Criminal Judicature not established by Royal Charter.	So much as has not been repealed.
XVII of 1862	An Act to repeal certain Regulations and Acts relating to Criminal Law and Procedure.	Ditto.
VI of 1864	An Act to authorize the punishment of whipping in certain cases.	Sections eight, eleven and twelve.
XXVIII of 1867	An Act to remove doubts as to the legality of certain sentences passed by tribunals, called Petty Sessions Courts, in the North-Western Provinces.	The whole Act.
XXXVI of 1867	An Act to correct an error in Act No. XVII of 1862.	Ditto.
VIII of 1869	An Act further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Ditto.
XXVII of 1870	To amend the Indian Penal Code.	Sections sixteen and seventeen and the two schedules.
XIX of 1871	An Act to provide for the appointment of Sessions Judges in Bengal and the North-Western Provinces.	Sections one, two, three, four, five and six.
Bombay Act VII of 1867.	An Act for the Regulation of the District Police in the Presidency of Bombay.	Section forty.

PART III.—REGULATIONS.

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
IX of 1793	<i>Bengal Regulations.</i> A Regulation for re-enacting, with Alterations and Modifications, the Regulations passed by the Governor-General in Council on the 3rd December 1790, and subsequent Dates, for the Apprehension and Trial of Persons charged with Crimes or Misdemeanours.	Sections three and thirty-four.

SCHEDULE I.—PART III.—REGULATIONS.—(Continued.)

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
IX of 1804	A Regulation for altering the denomination of the Court of Circuit and the Provincial Court of Appeal for the Division of the Ceded Provinces: for the Administration of Justice in Criminal Cases, in the Conquered Provinces in the Doab and on the Right Bank of the River Jumna, and in the Territory ceded to the Honorable the East India Company in Bundelcund by the Peishwa.	So much as has not been repealed.
VI of 1810	A Regulation for defining the penalties to which Zamindars and others shall be subject for neglecting to give due information of robberies, and for harbouring robbers.	Ditto.
XVI of 1810	A Regulation to amend the existing Rules for the Appointment of Zillah and City Magistrates; to provide for the Appointment of Joint and Assistant Magistrates; and to alter the provisions in force for the Payment of a fixed Reward on the Conviction of Public Offenders.	Ditto.
I of 1811	A Regulation for making more adequate Provision for the punishment of persons found guilty of the Offence of breaking into Houses, Tents or Boats; for subjecting to exemplary Punishment Persons receiving or purchasing Plundered or Stolen Property; and for granting licenses to Gold or Silversmiths, Braziers or Copper-smiths, Ironsmiths, Pawnbrokers, retail Vendors of Brass or Copper-wares, and Pykars or itinerant dealers in Second-hand Articles.	Ditto.
III of 1812	A Regulation for amending some of the Rules at present in force in regard to the conduct of inquiries into charges of a criminal nature, and for establishing additional provisions with a view to the more effectual apprehension of Criminals.	So much of section four as has not been repealed.
VIII of 1814	A Regulation for extending the Provision contained in Clause Second, Section IV, Regulation III, 1812, to cases of Murder, Arson and Theft.	So much as has not been repealed.
XX of 1817	A Regulation for reducing into one Regulation, with Amendments and Modifications, the several Rules which have been passed for the Guidance of Darogahs and other Subordinate Officers of Police; for modifying the existing Rules concerning the Resistance or Evasion of Criminal Process, and for requiring further aid to the Police in certain cases, from Proprietors and Farmers of Land and their Local Managers, as well as from the Mundals and other Heads of Villages.	Section thirty-three, clauses one and two.

SCHEDULE I.—PART III.—REGULATIONS.—(Continued.)

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
	<i>Madras Regulations.</i>	
IX of 1816	A Regulation for reducing into one Regulation certain Rules which have been passed regarding the Office of the Zillah Magistrate, for modifying and defining his Powers, and for transferring the Office of Zillah Magistrate from the Judge to the Collector of the Zillah.	Sections three, four and five.
II of 1827	A Regulation for constituting the Assistant Judges appointed under Regulation I, 1827, Joint Criminal Judges of the Zillahs in which they may be stationed, and for defining the Extent to which the Powers of Magistrate shall be exercised by Subordinate Collectors.	So much as has not been repealed.
VIII of 1827	A Regulation for granting to Native Judges Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases.	So much as has not been repealed.
	<i>Bombay Regulations.</i>	
XII of 1827	A Regulation for the establishment of a system of Police throughout the Zillahs subordinate to Bombay, for providing Rules for its Administration, and for defining the Duties and Powers of all Police Authorities and Servants.	Section ten, clause four; so much of section thirteen as has not been repealed; and section thirty-seven, clause three.
XIII of 1827	A Regulation for defining the Constitution of Courts of Criminal Justice and the Functions and Proceedings thereof.	Sections one, two, three, seven, eight, nine, fourteen and fifteen. Sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight.
III of 1830	A Regulation rescinding Regulations VIII and XII of 1828, and vesting the Criminal Judges with the Powers and Functions of Session Judges.	Sections two and six.
IV of 1830	A Regulation rescinding such Parts of Regulation XII of 1827 as vest the Criminal Judge with Police Jurisdiction of the Magistrate and his Assistants.	Section two.
VIII of 1831	A Regulation for modifying the Jurisdiction of Session Judges and Judicial Commissioners.	The whole.

SCHEDULE II.

FORMS OF SUMMONS, WARRANTS, BONDS AND RECOGNIZANCES.

A.

FORM OF SUMMONS (section 152).

To A. B., of

Whereas your attendance is necessary to answer to a complaint of (*state shortly the offence complained of*): You are hereby required to appear in person or by authorized agent, as the case may be, before the [Magistrate] of _____ on the _____ day of _____ Herein fail not.

(Signature and Seal.)

Dated the

day of

B.

FORM OF WARRANT (section 159).

To _____ (*name and designation of the person or persons who are to execute the warrant*).
 Whereas _____ of _____ is accused of the offence of (*state the offence*): You
 are hereby directed to apprehend the said _____ and produce him before me;
 Herein fail not.

(Signature and Seal.)

[This warrant may be endorsed as follows:—]

If the said _____ shall give bail, himself in the sum of _____, with one
 surety in the sum of _____ (or two sureties each in the sum of _____), to appear before
 me on the _____ day of _____, he may be released.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

C.

FORM OF WARRANT OF COMMITMENT FOR INTERMEDIATE CUSTODY
(sections 196, 197 and 303).

To _____, Jailer of _____
 Whereas _____ of _____ is charged with (*state the offence in
 respect of which the prisoner is charged*), and has been committed to take his trial before the Court
 of _____ at _____
 You are hereby required to receive the said _____ into your custody;
 and to produce him before the said Court when so required.

(Signature.)

(Office and powers.)

Dated _____

D.

FORM OF WARRANT OF COMMITMENT (section 303).

To _____, Jailer of _____
 Whereas _____ of _____ was convicted before me (*name and official
 designation*) of the offence of (*mention the offence, quoting Act and section*), and was sentenced to
 (*state the punishment fully and distinctly, mentioning its nature and extent*): You are hereby
 required to receive the said _____ into your custody in the said jail of _____
 together with this warrant, and there carry the aforesaid sentence into execution according to law.

(Signature.)

Dated the _____ day of _____

E.

FORM OF BOND TO KEEP THE PEACE (section 493).

Whereas I, _____, inhabitant of _____, have been called upon to enter into a bond
 to keep the peace for the term of _____, I hereby bind myself not to commit a breach of
 the peace, or do any act that may probably occasion a breach of the peace, during the said term; and
 in case of my making default therein, I bind myself to forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of _____
 rupees.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

FORM OF SECURITY TO BE SUBJOINED TO THE BOND OF THE PRINCIPAL.

I hereby declare myself surety for the above-said _____ that he shall not commit
 a breach of the peace, or do any act that may probably occasion a breach of the peace, during the
 said term; and in case of his making default therein, I hereby bind myself to forfeit to Her
 Majesty the sum of _____ rupees.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

F.

FORM OF RECOGNIZANCE TO PROSECUTE OR GIVE EVIDENCE (sections 130 and 360).

I, _____, of _____, do hereby bind myself to appear at _____ in the Court of _____, at _____ o'clock, on the _____ day of _____ next, and then and there to prosecute (or, as the case may be, to prosecute and give evidence, or to give evidence) in the matter of a charge of _____ against one A. B., and to attend at the said Court from day to day, or as I may be otherwise directed by the presiding officer; and in case of my making default herein, I bind myself to forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of _____ rupees.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

G.

FORM OF BOND FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR (section 509).

Whereas I, _____, inhabitant of _____, have been called to enter into a bond to be of good behaviour to Her Majesty the Queen and to all her subjects, for the term of _____, I hereby bind myself to be of good behaviour to Her Majesty and to all her subjects during the said term, and in case of my making default therein, I bind myself to forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of _____ rupees.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

FORM OF SECURITY TO BE SUBJOINED TO THE BOND OF THE PRINCIPAL.

I hereby declare myself surety for the above-said _____ that he shall be of good behaviour to Her Majesty and to all her subjects during the said term; and in case of his making default therein, I hereby bind myself to forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of _____ rupees.

(Signature.)

Dated _____

SCHEDULE III.

CHARGES.

(I).—CHARGES WITH ONE HEAD.

(a.) I, [name and office of Magistrate, &c.], hereby charge you, [name of accused person], as follows:—

(b.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, waged war against the Queen, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 121 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(c.) And I hereby direct that you be tried by the said Court on the said charge.

[Signature and Seal of the Magistrate.]

[To be substituted for (b).]

(2.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, with the intention of inducing the Honourable A. B., Member of the Council of the Governor-General of India, to refrain from exercising a lawful power as such Member, assaulted such Member, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 124 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(3.) That you, being a public servant in the _____ Department, directly accepted from [state the name], for another party [state the name], a gratification, other than legal remuneration, as a motive for forbearing to do an official act, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 161 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(4.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, committed culpable homicide not amounting to murder, causing the death of _____, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 304 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(5.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, abetted the commission of suicide by A. B., a person in a state of intoxication, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 306 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(6.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, voluntarily caused grievous hurt to _____, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 325 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

- (7.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, committed robbery,
 On section 392. an offence punishable under section 392 of the Indian Penal Code, and
 within the cognizance of the Court of Session.
- (8.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, committed dacoity,
 On section 395. an offence punishable under section 395 of the Indian Penal Code, and
 within the cognizance of the Court of Session.
- (9.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, did (or omitted to
 On section 166. do, as the case may be) _____, such conduct being
 contrary to the provisions of Act _____ section _____, and was
 known by you to be prejudicial to _____, and thereby committed an offence punishable
 under section 166 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.
- (10.) That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____, in the course of the
 On section 193. trial of _____ before _____, stated in
 evidence that " _____ " which
 statement you either knew or believed to be false, or did not believe to be true, and thereby com-
 mitted an offence punishable under section 193 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance
 of the Court of Session.
- In cases tried by Magistrates, substitute "within my cognizance" for "within the cognizance of
 the Court of Session." In (d) omit "by the said Court."*

(II.)—CHARGES WITH TWO OR MORE HEADS.

(a). I, [name and office of Magistrate, &c.], hereby charge you, [name of accused person], as follows:—

(b). *First.*—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 On Penal Code, sections 241 knowing a coin to be counterfeit, delivered the same to another person,
 and 242. by name *A. B.*, as genuine, and thereby committed an offence punishable
 under section 241 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of
 the Court of Session.

Secondly.—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 knowing a coin to be counterfeit, attempted to induce another person, by name *A. B.*, to receive it
 as genuine, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 242 of the Indian Penal
 Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

(c). And I hereby direct that you be tried by the said Court on the said charge
 [Signature and Seal of the Magistrate.]

For (b). *First.*—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 On sections 302 and 304. committed murder by causing the death of _____, and thereby
 committed an offence punishable under section 302 of the Indian Penal
 Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

Secondly.—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 by causing the death of _____, committed culpable homicide, and thereby committed an
 offence punishable under section 304 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the
 Court of Session.

For (b). *First.*—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 On sections 379 and 382. committed theft, and thereby committed an offence punishable under
 section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the
 Court of Session.

Secondly.—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 committed theft, having made preparation for causing death to a person in order to the committing
 of such theft, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 382 of the Indian Penal
 Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

Thirdly.—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 committed theft, having made preparation for causing restraint to a person in order to the effecting
 of your escape after the committing of such theft, and thereby committed an offence punishable
 under section 382 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

Fourthly.—That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 committed theft, having made preparation for causing fear of hurt to a person in order to the
 retaining of property taken by such theft, and thereby committed an offence punishable under sec-
 tion 382 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

For (b). That you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 Alternative charges on sec- in the course of the inquiry into _____ before _____
 tion 193. stated in evidence that " _____ " _____
 and that you, on or about the _____ day of _____, at _____,
 _____, in the course of the trial of _____ before _____
 stated in evidence that " _____ " one of which statements you either knew or

believed to be false, or did not believe to be true, and thereby committed an offence punishable
 under section 193 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

*In trials before Magistrates, substitute "within my cognizance" for "within the cognizance of
 the Court of Session;" and omit "by the said Court."*

SCHEDULE IV.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.—1st.—The entries in the 2nd and 6th columns of the schedule, headed respectively "Offence" and "Punishment under the Indian Penal Code," are not intended as definitions of the offences and punishments described in the several corresponding sections of the Indian Penal Code, or even as abstracts of those sections, but merely as references to the subject of the section, the number of which is given in the 1st column.

2nd.—The term "Whether bailable or not," in column 5, is to be taken in connection with the provisions of sections 388 and 389 of this Code.

3rd.—Offences may be tried by a Court superior to the Court specifically mentioned in column 7. For example, a Court of Session may try an offence entered in column 7 as triable by a Magistrate.

4th.—The words "any Magistrate," as used in column 7, shall include any Magistrate of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd class.

5th.—In the territories in British India to which the General Regulations of Bengal, Madras and Bombay do not extend, the powers given by this Act shall be exercised by such officers as the Local Government of those territories respectively shall appoint.

6th.—The last part of the schedule, headed "Offences against other Laws," shall not be taken to alter or affect any special provision contained in such laws regarding the procedure to be followed in the case of offences made punishable thereby.

7th.—The direction in column 4 is meant to indicate to Magistrates the manner in which the discretion vested in them by sections 148, 149 and 150 is commonly to be used, but it is not to affect the definition of summons cases and warrant cases given in section 4.

CHAPTER V.—OF ABETMENT.

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
109	Abetment of any offence, if the act abetted is committed in consequence, and where no express provision is made for its punishment.	May arrest without warrant, if arrest for the offence abetted may be made without warrant, but not otherwise.	According as a warrant or summons may issue for the offence abetted.	According as the offence abetted is bailable or not.	The same punishment as for the offence abetted.	By the Court by which the offence abetted is triable.
110	Abetment of any offence, if the person abetted does the act with a different intention from that of the abettor.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
111	When one act is abetted and a different act is done, subject to the proviso.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	The same punishment as for the offence intended to be abetted.	Ditto.

113	When an effect is caused by the act abetted different from that intended by the abettor.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	The same punishment as for the offence committed.	Ditto.
114	If abettor is present when offence is committed.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
115	Abetment of an offence punishable with death or transportation for life, if the offence be not committed in consequence of the abetment.	Ditto	...	Not bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
116	If an act which causes harm be done in consequence of the abetment.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for 14 years and fine.	Ditto.
	Abetment of an offence punishable with imprisonment, if the offence be not committed in consequence of the abetment.	Ditto	...	According as the offence abetted is bailable or not.	...	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{2}$ part of the longest term, and of any description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
	If the abettor or the person abetted be a public servant, whose duty is to prevent the offence.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the longest term, and of any description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
117	Abetting the commission of an offence by the public, or by more than ten persons.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
118	Concealing a design to commit an offence punishable with death or transportation for life, if the offence be committed.	Ditto	...	Not bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
	If the offence be not committed	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
119	A public servant concealing a design to commit an offence which it is his duty to prevent, if the offence be committed.	Ditto	...	According as the offence abetted is bailable or not.	...	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the longest term, and of any description provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER V.—OF ABETMENT.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
	If the offence be punishable with death or transportation.	May arrest without warrant, if arrest for the offence abetted may be made without warrant, but not otherwise.	According as a warrant or summons may issue for the offence abetted.	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years.	By the Court by which the offence abetted is triable.
	If the offence be not committed	Ditto	Ditto	According as the offence abetted is bailable or not.	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{2}$ part of the longest term, and of any description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
120	Concealing a design to commit an offence punishable with imprisonment, if the offence be committed.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{2}$ part of the longest term, and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
	If not committed	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment extending to $\frac{1}{2}$ part of the longest term, and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER VI.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE.

	Waging or attempting to wage war, or abetting the waging of war, against the Queen.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Death, or transportation for life, and forfeiture of property.	Court of Session.
121	Waging or attempting to wage war, or abetting the waging of war, against the Queen.	Ditto	...	...	...	...
121A	Conspiring to commit certain offences against the State.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life or any shorter term, or imprisonment of either description for ten years.	Ditto.
122	Collecting arms, &c., with the intention of waging war against the Queen.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and forfeiture of property.	Ditto.
123	Concealing with intent to facilitate a design to wage war.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
124	Assaulting Governor-General, Governor, &c., with intent to compel or restrain the exercise of any lawful power.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
124A	Exciting, or attempting to excite, disaffection.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life or for any term and fine, or imprisonment of either description for three years and fine, or fine.	Ditto.
125	Waging war against any Asiatic power in alliance or at peace with the Queen, or abetting the waging of such war.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life and fine, or imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine, or fine.	Ditto.
126	Committing depredation on the territories of any power in alliance or at peace with the Queen.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine, and forfeiture of certain property.	Ditto.
127	Receiving property taken by war or depredation, mentioned in sections 125 and 126.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto... ..	Ditto.
128	Public servant voluntarily allowing prisoner of State or War in his custody to escape.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.

CHAPTER VI.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE.—(Concluded.)

Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
129	Public servant negligently suffering prisoner of State or War in his custody to escape.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Bailable ...	Simple imprisonment for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
130	Aiding escape of rescuing or harbouring, such prisoner, or offering any resistance to the recapture of such prisoner.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.

CHAPTER VII.—OFFENCES RELATING TO THE ARMY AND NAVY.

		May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
131	Abetting mutiny, or attempting to seduce an officer, soldier, or sailor from his allegiance or duty.					
132	Abetment of mutiny, if mutiny is committed in consequence thereof.	Ditto ...	Ditto	Ditto ...	Death or transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
133	Abetment of an assault by an officer, soldier, or sailor on his superior officer when in the execution of his office.	Ditto ...	Ditto	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
134	Abetment of such assault, if the assault is committed.	Ditto ...	Ditto	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.

135	Abetment of the desertion of an officer, soldier, or sailor.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
136	Harbouring such an officer, soldier, or sailor, who has deserted.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
137	Deserter concealed on board merchant vessel, through negligence of master or person in charge thereof.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Summons	...	Ditto	...	Fine of 500 rupees	Ditto.
138	Abetment of act of insubordination by an officer, soldier, or sailor, if the offence be committed in consequence.	May arrest without warrant.	...	Warrant	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
140	Wearing the dress or carrying any token used by a soldier, with intent that it may be believed that he is such a soldier.	Ditto	...	Summons	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.

CHAPTER VIII.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRANQUILLITY.

143	Being member of an unlawful assembly.	May arrest without warrant.	...	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
144	Joining an unlawful assembly armed with any deadly weapon.	Ditto	...	Warrant	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
145	Joining or continuing in an unlawful assembly, knowing that it has been commanded to disperse.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
147	Rioting	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
148	Rioting armed with a deadly weapon	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.

CHAPTER VIII.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRANQUILITY.—(Concluded.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section.	Offence.	Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	Whether bailable or not.	Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	By what Court triable.
149	If an offence be committed by any member of an unlawful assembly, every other member of such assembly shall be guilty of the offence.	According as arrest may be made without warrant for the offence.	According as a warrant or summons may issue for the offence.	According as the offence is bailable or not.	The same as for the offence	By the Court by which the offence is triable.
150	Hiring, engaging, or employing persons to take part in an unlawful assembly.	May arrest without warrant.	According to the offence committed by the person hired, engaged, or employed.	Ditto	The same as for a member of such assembly, and for any offence committed by any member of such assembly.	Ditto.
151	Knowingly joining or continuing in any assembly of five or more persons after it has been commanded to disperse.	Ditto	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
152	Assaulting or obstructing public servant when suppressing riot, &c.	Ditto	Warrant	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
153	Wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot, if rioting be committed.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
	If not committed	Ditto	Summons	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
154	Owner or occupier of land not giving information of riot, &c.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	Ditto	Fine of 1,000 rupees.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

155	Person for whose benefit or on whose behalf a riot takes place not using all lawful means to prevent it.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Fine	...	...	Ditto.
156	Agent of owner or occupier for whose benefit a riot is committed not using all lawful means to prevent it.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	...	Ditto.
157	Harbours persons hired for an unlawful assembly.	May arrest without warrant.	...	Ditto	...	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
158	Being hired to take part in an unlawful assembly or riot.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
	Or to go armed	Ditto	...	Warrant	...	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
160	Committing affray	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Summons	...	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of 100 rupees, or both.	* Any Magistrate.

CHAPTER IX.—OFFENCES BY OR RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVANTS.

161	Being, or expecting to be, a public servant, and taking a gratification other than legal remuneration in respect of an official act.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
162	Taking a gratification in order by corrupt or illegal means to influence a public servant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
163	Taking a gratification for the exercise of personal influence with a public servant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the first class.

CHAPTER IX.—OFFENCES BY OR RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVANTS.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
164	Abetment by public servant of the offences defined in the last two preceding clauses with reference to himself.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
165	Public servant obtaining any valuable thing, without consideration, from a person concerned in any proceeding or business transacted by such public servant.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
166	Public servant disobeying a direction of the law with intent to cause injury to any person.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one year, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
167	Public servant framing an incorrect document with intent to cause injury.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
168	Public servant unlawfully engaging in trade.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st class.
169	Public servant unlawfully buying or bidding for property.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for two years, or fine, or both, and confiscation of property, if purchased.	Ditto.
170	Personating a public servant	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
171	Wearing garb or carrying token used by public servant with fraudulent intent.	Ditto	Summons	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER X.—CONTEMPTS OF THE LAWFUL AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.

172	Abducting to avoid service of summons or other proceeding from a public servant.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
	If summons or notice require attendance in person, &c., in a Court of Justice.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
173	Preventing the service or the affixing of any summons or notice, or the removal of it when it has been affixed, or preventing a proclamation.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
	If summons, &c., require attendance in person, &c., in a Court of Justice.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
174	Not obeying a legal order to attend at a certain place in person or by agent, or departing therefrom without authority.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
	If the order require personal attendance, &c., in a Court of Justice.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
175	Intentionally omitting to produce a document to a public servant by a person legally bound to produce or deliver such document.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Ch. XXXII of this Code, or if not committed in a Court, a Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

CHAPTER X.—CONTEMPTS OF THE LAWFUL AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
	If the document is required to be produced in or delivered to a Court of Justice.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons ...	Bailable ...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Ch. XXXII of this Code, or if not committed in a Court, a Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
176	Intentionally omitting to give notice or information to a public servant by a person legally bound to give such notice or information.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
	If the notice or information required respects the commission of an offence, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both. *	Ditto. *
177	Knowingly furnishing false information to a public servant.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto ...	Ditto.
	If the information required respects the commission of an offence, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto

178	Refusing oath when duly required to take oath by a public servant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Ch XXXII of this Code, or if not committed in a Court, a Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
179	Being legally bound to state truth, and refusing to answer questions.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
180	Refusing to sign a statement made to a public servant when legally required to do so.	Ditto	..	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
181	Knowingly stating to a public servant on oath as true that which is false.	Ditto	...	Warrant	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
182	Giving false information to a public servant in order to cause him to use his lawful power to the injury or annoyance of any person.	Ditto	...	Summons	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
183	Resistance to the taking of property by the lawful authority of a public servant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
184	Obstructing sale of property offered for sale by authority of a public servant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
185	Bidding, by a person under a legal incapacity to purchase it, for property at a lawfully authorized sale, or bidding without intending to perform the obligations incurred thereby.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER X.—CONTEMPTS OF THE LAWFUL AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
186	Obstructing public servant in discharge of his public functions.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
187	Omission to assist public servant when bound by law to give such assistance.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
	Willfully neglecting to aid a public servant who demands aid in the execution of process, the prevention of offences, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
188	Disobedience to an order lawfully promulgated by a public servant, if such disobedience causes obstruction or annoyance or injury to persons lawfully employed.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
	If such disobedience causes danger to human life, health or safety, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
189	Threatening a public servant with injury to him, or one in whom he is interested, to induce him to do or forbear to do any official act.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
190	Threatening any person to induce him to refrain from making a legal application for protection from injury.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XI.—FALSE EVIDENCE AND OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.

	Shall not arrest without warrant	Warrant	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
193 Giving or fabricating false evidence in a judicial proceeding.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
194 Giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to cause any person to be con- victed of a capital offence.	Ditto	Ditto	..	Not bailable...	...	Transportation for life, or rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Court of Ses- sion.
If innocent person be thereby convicted and executed.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Death, or as above	Ditto.
195 Giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of an offence punishable with transportation, or imprisonment for more than seven years.	Ditto	Ditto	..	Ditto	...	The same as for the offence	Ditto.
196 Using, in a judicial proceeding, evidence known to be false or fabricated.	Ditto	Ditto	...	According as the offence of giving such evidence is bailable or not.	...	The same as for giving or fabri- cating false evidence.	Court of Ses- sion or Ma- gistrate of the 1st class.
197 Knowingly issuing or signing a false certificate relating to any fact of which such certificate is by law admissible in evidence.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Bailable	...	The same as for giving false evi- dence.	Ditto.
198 Using as a true certificate one known to be false in a material point.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto...	Ditto.
199 False statement made in any declaration which is by law received as evidence.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto...	Ditto.
200 Using as true any such declaration known to be false.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto...	Ditto.

CHAPTER XI.—FALSE EVIDENCE AND OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.—(Continued.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section.	Offence.	Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	Whether bailable or not.	Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	By what Court triable.
201	Causing disappearance of evidence of an offence committed, or giving false information, concerning it to screen the offender, if a capital offence. If punishable with transportation, or imprisonment for ten years.	Shall not arrest without warrant. Ditto	Warrant Ditto	Bailable Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine. Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session. Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
202	If punishable with less than 10 years' imprisonment.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment for quarter of the longest term, and of the description provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	By a Magistrate of the 1st class, or by the Court by which the offence is triable.
203	Intentional omission to give information of an offence by a person legally bound to inform. Giving false information respecting an offence committed.	Ditto	Summons	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class. Ditto.
204	Secreting or destroying any document to prevent its production as evidence.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both. Ditto	Ditto. Magistrate of the 1st class.

205	False personation for the purpose of any act or proceeding in a suit or criminal prosecution, or for becoming bail or security.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
206	Fraudulent removal or concealment, &c., of property to prevent its seizure as a forfeiture, or in satisfaction of a fine under sentence, or in execution of a decree.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
207	Claiming property without right, or practising deception touching any right to it, to prevent its being taken as a forfeiture, or in satisfaction of a fine under sentence, or in execution of a decree.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
208	Fraudulently suffering decree to pass for a sum not due, or suffering decree to be executed after it has been satisfied.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Magistrate of the 1st class.
209	False claim in a Court of Justice	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years and fine.	Ditto.
210	Fraudulently obtaining a decree for a sum not due, or causing a decree to be executed after it has been satisfied.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
211	False charge of offence made with intent to injure.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
212	If offence charged be capital, or punishable with transportation for life, or imprisonment for 7 years or upwards. Harbours an offender if the offence be capital.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.
		May arrest without warrant.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.

CHAPTER XI.—FALSE EVIDENCE AND OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE — (Continued.)

1 Section	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Prisoner is arrested without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or summons shall be issued in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
	If punishable with transportation for life or with imprisonment for 10 years	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class
	If punishable with imprisonment for 1 year, and not for 10 years	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the longest term, and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both	By the Magistrate of the 1st class, or by the Court by which the offence is triable.
213	Taking gift, &c., to screen an offender from punishment, if the offence be capital.	Shall not arrest without warrant	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.
	If punishable with transportation for life, or with imprisonment for 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If with imprisonment for less than 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the longest term and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	By a Magistrate of the 1st class, or by the Court by which the offence is triable.
214	Gift made to cause restoration of property in consideration of screening offender, if the offence be capital.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.

	If punishable with transportation for life, or with imprisonment for 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If with imprisonment for less than 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Imprisonment for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the longest term, and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	By a Magistrate of the 1st class, or by the Court by which the offence is triable.
215	Taking gift to help to recover movable property of which a person has been deprived by an offence, without causing apprehension of offender.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st class.
216	Harbours an offender who has escaped from custody, or whose apprehension has been ordered, if the offence be capital.	May arrest without warrant	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If punishable with transportation for life, or with imprisonment for 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
	If with imprisonment for 1 year, and not for 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Imprisonment for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the longest term, and of the description, provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	By a Magistrate of the 1st class, or by the Court by which the offence is triable.
217	Public servant disobeying a direction of law with intent to save persons from punishment, or property from forfeiture.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
218	Public servant framing an incorrect record or writing with intent to save person from punishment, or property from forfeiture.	Ditto	Warrant	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session.

CHAPTER XI.—FALSE EVIDENCE AND OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.—(Continued.)

1 Section	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
219	Public servant in a judicial proceeding making or pronouncing an order, report, verdict, or decision which he knows to be contrary to law.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session.
220	Commitment for trial or confinement by a person having authority who knows that he is acting contrary to law	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
221	Intentional omission to apprehend on the part of a public servant bound by law to apprehend an offender, if the offence be capital.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, with or without fine.	Ditto.
	If punishable with transportation for life, or imprisonment for 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, with or without fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If with imprisonment for less than 10 years.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, with or without fine.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
222	Intentional omission to apprehend on the part of a public servant bound by law to apprehend a person under sentence of a Court of Justice, if under sentence of death.	Ditto	Ditto	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for fourteen years, with or without fine.	Court of Session.

	If under sentence of transportation for life, or imprisonment or penal servitude for 10 years or upwards.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, with or without fine.	Ditto.
	If under sentence of imprisonment for less than 10 years.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
223	Escape from confinement negligently suffered by a public servant.	Ditto	...	Summons	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
224	Resistance or obstruction by a person to his lawful apprehension.	May arrest without warrant.	...	Warrant	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
225	Resistance or obstruction to the lawful apprehension of another person, or rescuing him from lawful custody.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto...	Ditto.
	If charged with an offence punishable with transportation for life, or imprisonment for 10 years.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If charged with a capital offence	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine.	Court of Session.
	If the person is sentenced to transportation for life, or to transportation, penal servitude, or imprisonment for 10 years or upwards.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto...	Ditto.
	If under sentence of death	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
225A	Escape, or attempt to escape, from custody for failing to furnish security for good behaviour.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
226	Unlawful return from transportation.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, and fine and rigorous imprisonment for three years before transportation.	Court of Session.

CHAPTER XI.—FALSE EVIDENCE AND OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
227	Violation of condition of remission of punishment.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons ...	Not bailable ..	Punishment of original sentence, or, if part of the punishment has been undergone, the residue.	By the Court by which the original offence was triable.
228	Intentional insult or interruption to a public servant sitting in any stage of a judicial proceeding.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Bailable ...	Simple imprisonment for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions contained in Chapter XXXII of this Code.
229	Personation of a juror or assessor ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st class.

CHAPTER XII.—OFFENCES RELATING TO COIN AND GOVERNMENT STAMPS.

231	Counterfeiting, or performing any part of the process of counterfeiting, coin.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session
232	Counterfeiting, or performing any part of the process of counterfeiting, the Queen's coin.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.

233	Making, buying, or selling instrument for the purpose of counterfeiting coin.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
234	Making, buying, or selling instrument for the purpose of counterfeiting the Queen's coin.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.
235	Possession of instrument or material for the purpose of using the same for counterfeiting coin.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
236	If Queen's coin ...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
236	Abetting in India the counterfeiting out of British India of coin.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	The punishment provided for abetting the counterfeiting of such coin within British India.	Ditto.
237	Import or export of counterfeit coin, knowing the same to be counterfeit.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
238	Import or export of counterfeits of the Queen's coin, knowing the same to be counterfeit.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
239	Having any counterfeit coin known to be such when it came into possession, and delivering, &c., the same to any person.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
240	The same with respect to the Queen's coin.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XII.—OFFENCES RELATING TO COIN AND GOVERNMENT STAMPS.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
241	Knowingly delivering to another any counterfeit coin as genuine which when first possessed the deliverer did not know to be counterfeit.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine of ten times the value of the coin counterfeited, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
242	Possession of counterfeit coin by a person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
243	Possession of Queen's coin by a person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
244	Persons employed in a Mint causing coin to be of a different weight or composition from that fixed by law.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Court of Session.
245	Unlawfully taking from a Mint any coin as instrument.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
246	Fraudulently diminishing the weight or altering the composition of any coin.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session or Magistrate of the 1st class.
247	Fraudulently diminishing the weight or altering the composition of the Queen's coin.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.

248	Altering appearance of any coin with intent that it shall pass as a coin of a different description.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
249	Altering appearance of the Queen's coin with intent that it shall pass as a coin of a different description.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
250	Delivery to another of coin possessed with the knowledge that it is altered.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years and fine.	Ditto.
251	Delivery of Queen's coin possessed with the knowledge that it is altered.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
252	Possession of altered coin by a person who knew it to be altered when he became possessed thereof.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
253	Possession of Queen's Coin by a person who knew it to be altered when he became possessed thereof.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years and fine.	Ditto.
254	Delivery to another of coin as genuine, which, when first possessed, the delinquer did not know to be altered.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine of ten times the value of the coin.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
255	Counterfeiting a Government stamp	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
256	Having possession of an instrument or material for the purpose of counterfeiting a Government stamp.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
257	Making, buying, or selling instrument for the purpose of counterfeiting a Government stamp.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
258	Sale of counterfeit Government stamp.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
259	Having possession of a counterfeit Government stamp.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
260	Using as genuine a Government stamp known to be counterfeit.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XII.—OFFENCES RELATING TO COIN AND GOVERNMENT STAMPS.—(Continued.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section.	Offence.	Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	Whether bailable or not.	Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	By what Court triable.
261	Effacing any writing from a substance bearing a Government stamp, or removing from a document a stamp used for it with intent to cause wrongful loss to Government.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
262	Using a Government stamp known to have been before used.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
263	Erasure of mark denoting that stamp has been used.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.

CHAPTER XIII.—OFFENCES RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

		Shall not arrest without warrant	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
264	Fraudulent use of false instrument for weighing.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Ditto.
265	Fraudulent use of false weight or measure.	...	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
266	Being in possession of false weights or measures for fraudulent use.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
267	Making or selling false weights or measures for fraudulent use.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.

CHAPTER XIV.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, DECENCY, AND MORALS

		May arrest without warrant.	Summons	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
269	Negligently doing any act known to be likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life.	...	Ditto	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
270	Malignantly doing any act known to be likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
271	Knowingly disobeying any quarantine rule.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
272	Adulterating food or drink for man, intended for sale, so as to make the same noxious.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
273	Selling any food or drink as food and drink for man, knowing the same to be noxious.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Ditto	Ditto.
274	Adulterating any drug or medical preparation intended for sale so as to lessen its efficacy, or to change its operation, or to make it noxious.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Ditto	Ditto.
275	Offering for sale or issuing from a dispensary any drug or medical preparation known to have been adulterated.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Ditto	Ditto.
276	Knowingly selling or issuing from a dispensary any drug or medical preparation as a different drug or medicinal preparation.	Ditto	Ditto	...	...	Ditto	Ditto.
277	Defiling the water of a public spring or reservoir.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.

287	So dealing with any machinery	...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
288	A person omitting to guard against probable danger to human life by the fall of any building, over which he has a right entitling him to pull it down or repair it.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.
289	A person omitting to take order with any animal in his possession, so as to guard against danger to human life, or of grievous hurt from such animal.	...	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Any Magistrate.
290	Committing a public nuisance	...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.
291	Continuance of nuisance after injunction to discontinue.	...	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
292	Sale, &c., of obscene books, &c.	...	Ditto	Warrant	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.
293	Having in possession obscene book, &c., for sale or exhibition.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.
294	Obscene songs...	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.
294A	Keeping lottery office	...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	...	Ditto	...	Any Magistrate.
	Publishing proposals relating to lotteries	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.

CHAPTER XV.—OFFENCES RELATING TO RELIGION.

295	Destroying, damaging, or defiling a place of worship or sacred object with intent to insult the religion of any class of persons.	May arrest without warrant	Summons	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
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CHAPTER XV.—OFFENCES RELATING TO RELIGION.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily be used in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
296	Causing a disturbance to an assembly engaged in religious worship.	May arrest without warrant.	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
297	Trespassing in a place of worship or sepulture, disturbing funeral with intention to wound the feelings or to insult the religion of any person, or offering indignity to a human corpse.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
298	Uttering any word or making any sound in the hearing, or making any gesture, or placing any object in the sight, of any person, with intention to wound his religious feeling.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVI.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY.

Offences affecting Life.

		May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Death, transportation for life and fine.	Court of Session.
302	Murder	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Death ...	Ditto.
303	Murder by a person under sentence of transportation for life.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
304	Culpable homicide not amounting to murder, if act by which the death is caused is done with intention of causing death, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.

304A	If act is done with knowledge that it is likely to cause death, but without any intention to cause death, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
305	Causing death by rash or negligent act	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
306	Abetment of suicide committed by a child, or insane or delirious person, or an idiot, or a person intoxicated.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Death, or transportation for life, or imprisonment for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
307	Abetting the commission of suicide	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
308	Attempt to murder...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
309	If such act cause hurt to any person	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or as above.	Ditto.
310	Attempt to commit culpable homicide	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
311	If such act cause hurt to any person	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
312	Attempt to commit suicide	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one year, and fine.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
313	Being a thug	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life and fine	Court of Session.

* *Of the causing of Miscarriage; of Injuries to unborn Children; of the Exposure of Infants; and of the Concealment of Births.*

314	Causing miscarriage	...	...	Warrant	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session.
315	If the woman be quick with child	...	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVI.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY.—(Continued.)
Of the causing of Miscarriage; of Injuries to unborn Children; of the Exposure of Infants; and of the Concealment of Births.—(Continued.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
313	* Causing miscarriage without woman's consent.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable ...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
314	Death caused by an act done with intent to cause miscarriage.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
	If act done without woman's consent ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or as above.	Ditto.
315	Act done with intent to prevent a child being born alive, or to cause it to die after its birth.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
316	Causing death of a quick unborn child by an act amounting to culpable homicide.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
317	Exposure of a child under 12 years of age, by parent or person having care of it, with intention of wholly abandoning it.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
318	Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

Of Hurt.

323	Voluntarily causing hurt ...	... Should not arrest without warrant.	Summons ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
324	Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
325	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
326	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
327	Voluntarily causing hurt to extort property or a valuable security, or to constrain to do an illegal act which may facilitate the commission of an offence.	Ditto ...	Warrant ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
328	Administering stupefying drug with intent to cause hurt.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto.
329	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to extort property or a valuable security, or to constrain to do an illegal act which may facilitate the commission of an offence.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
330	Voluntarily causing hurt to extort confession or information, or to compel restoration of property, &c.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
331	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to extort confession or information, or to compel restoration of property, &c.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVI.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY.—(Continued.)

Of Hurt.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
332	Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
333	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty.	Ditto	Ditto	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
334	Voluntarily causing hurt on grave and sudden provocation, not intending to hurt any other than the person who gave the provocation.	Ditto	Summons	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
335	Causing grievous hurt on grave and sudden provocation, not intending to hurt any other than the person who gave the provocation.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for four years, or fine of 2,000 rupees, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
336	Doing any act which endangers human life or the personal safety of others.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 250 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
337	Causing hurt by an act which endangers human life, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
338	Causing grievous hurt by an act which endangers human life, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.

Of wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.

341	Wrongfully restraining any person	...	May arrest without warrant.	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
342	Wrongfully confining any person	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
343	Wrongfully confining for three or more days.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
344	Wrongfully confining for ten or more days.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
345	Keeping any person in wrongful confinement, knowing that a writ has been issued for his liberation.	...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, in addition to imprisonment under any other section.	Ditto.
346	Wrongful confinement in secret	...	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
347	Wrongful confinement for the purpose of extorting property, or constraining to an illegal act, &c.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Ditto.
348	Wrongful confinement for the purpose of extorting confession or information, or of compelling restoration of property, &c.	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.

Of Criminal Force and Assault.

352	Assault or use of criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation.	...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.
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CHAPTER XVI.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY.—(Continued.)

Of Criminal Force and Assault.—(Continued.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section.	Offence.	Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	Whether bailable or not.	Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	By what Court triable.
353	Assault or use of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
354	Assault or use of criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
355	Assault or criminal force with intent to dishonor a person, otherwise than on grave and sudden provocation.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
356	Assault or criminal force in attempt to commit theft of property worn or carried by a person.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Ditto	Any Magistrate.
357	Assault or use of criminal force in attempt wrongfully to confine a person.	Ditto	Ditto	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
358	Assault or use of criminal force on grave and sudden provocation.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	Ditto	Simple imprisonment for one month, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.

Of Kidnapping, Forcible Abduction, Slavery and forced Labour.

363	Kidnapping	...	...	...	...	...	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
		May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	

CHAPTER XVI.—OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY.—(Continued.)

Of Rape.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Offence.	Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	Whether bailable or not.	Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	By what Court triable.
376	Rape	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.

Of Unnatural Offences.

377	Unnatural offences	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
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CHAPTER XVII.—OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.

Of Theft.

379	Theft	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
380	Theft in a building, tent, or vessel	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
381	Theft by clerk or servant of property in possession of master or employer.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ..	Ditto ...	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

382	Theft, preparation having been made for causing death, or hurt, or restraint, or fear of death, or of hurt, or of restraint, in order to the committing such theft, or to retiring after committing it, or to retaining property taken by it.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
<i>Of Extortion.</i>								
384	Extortion ... ..	...	...	...	Warrant	...	Bailable	...
					Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	...	...
385	Putting or attempting to put in fear of injury, in order to commit extortion.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
386	Extortion by putting a person in fear of death or grievous hurt.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
387	Putting or attempting to put a person in fear of death or grievous hurt, in order to commit extortion.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
388	Extortion by threat of accusation of an offence punishable with death, transportation for life, or imprisonment for ten years.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
	If the offence threatened be an unnatural offence.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
		...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life ...	Court of Session.
389	Putting person in fear of accusation of offence punishable with death, transportation for life, or with imprisonment for ten years, in order to commit extortion.	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
	If the offence be an unnatural offence...	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life ...	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVII.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.—(Continued.)
Of Robbery and Dacoity.

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
392	Robbery ... ..	...	Warrant ...	Not bailable...	Rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
	If committed on the highway between sunset and sunrise.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Rigorous imprisonment for fourteen years and fine.	Ditto.
393	Attempt to commit robbery ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Rigorous imprisonment for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
394	Person voluntarily causing hurt in committing or attempting to commit robbery, or any other person generally concerned in such robbery.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
395	Dacoity	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Court of Session.
396	Murder in dacoity	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Death, transportation for life, or rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
397	Robbery or dacoity with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Rigorous imprisonment for not less than seven years.	Ditto.
398	Attempt to commit robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapon.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto.
399	Making preparation to commit dacoity ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Ditto.

400	Belonging to a gang of persons associated for the purpose of habitually committing dacoity.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or as above	Ditto.
401	Belonging to a wandering gang of persons associated for the purpose of habitually committing thefts.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Rigorous imprisonment for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
402	Being one of five or more persons assembled for the purpose of committing dacoity.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
<i>Of Criminal Misappropriation of Property.</i>									
403	Dishonest misappropriation of moveable property or converting it to one's own use.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Warrant	...	Ballable	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
404	Dishonest misappropriation of property, knowing that it was in possession of a deceased person at his death, and that it has not since been in the possession of any person legally entitled to it.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
	If by clerk or person employed by deceased.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Ditto.
<i>Of Criminal Breach of Trust.</i>									
406	Criminal breach of trust	May arrest without warrant.	...	Warrant	...	Not bailable...	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
407	Criminal breach of trust by a carrier, wharfinger, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.

CHAPTER XVII.—OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.—(Continued.)

Of Criminal Breach of Trust.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
408	Criminal breach of trust by a clerk or servant.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
409	Criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant, or agent, &c.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.

Of the receiving of Stolen Property.

	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
411	Dishonestly receiving stolen property, knowing it to be stolen.	...	...	...	...
412	Dishonestly receiving stolen property, knowing that it was obtained by dacoity.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Court of Session.
413	Habitually dealing in stolen property ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.

414	Assisting in concealment or disposal of stolen property, knowing it to be stolen.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
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Of Cheating.

417	Cheating	Warrant	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
418	Cheating a person whose interest the offender was bound, either by law or by legal contract, to protect.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
419	Cheating by personation	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
420	Cheating and thereby dishonestly inducing delivery of property, or the alteration or destruction of a valuable security.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.

Of Fraudulent Deeds and Dispositions of Property.

421	Fraudulent removal or concealment of property, &c., to prevent distribution among creditors.	Ditto	...	Warrant	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
422	Fraudulently preventing from being made available for his creditors a debt or demand due to the offender.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
423	Fraudulent execution of deed of transfer containing a false statement of consideration.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVII.—OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.—(Continued.)

Of Fraudulent Deeds and Dispositions of Property.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
424	Fraudulent removal or concealment of property of himself or any other person, or assisting in the doing thereof, or dishonestly releasing any demand or claim to which he is entitled.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

Of Mischief.

		Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
426	Mischief	Ditto	Warrant ...	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
427	Mischief, and thereby causing damage to the amount of 50 rupees or upwards.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
428	Mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless, any animal of the value of 16 rupees or upwards.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for five years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless, any elephant, camel, horse, &c., whatever may be its value, or any other animal of the value of 50 rupees or upwards.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for five years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

430	Mischief by causing diminution of supply of water for agricultural purposes, &c.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	...	Ditto.
431	Mischief by injury to public road, bridge, river, or navigable channel, and rendering it impassable or less safe for travelling, or conveying property.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	...	Ditto.
432	Mischief by causing inundation or obstruction to public drainage attended with damage.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	...	Ditto.
433	Mischief by destroying or moving or rendering less useful a light-house or seamark, or by exhibiting false lights.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session.
434	Mischief by destroying or moving, &c., a land-mark fixed by public authority.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
435	Mischief by fire or explosive substance, with intent to cause damage to amount of 100 rupees or upwards.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Session.
436	Mischief by fire or explosive substance, with intent to destroy a house, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Not bailable...	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
437	Mischief with intent to destroy or make unsafe a decked vessel or a vessel of 20 tons burden.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
438	The mischief described in the last section, when committed by fire or any explosive substance.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
439	Running vessel ashore with intent to commit theft, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
440	Mischief committed after preparation made for causing death or hurt, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years and fine.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVII.—OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.—(Continued.)

Of Criminal Trespass.

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
447	Criminal trespass	May arrest with- out warrant.	Summons ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 500 rupees, or both.	Any Magis- trate.
448	House-trespass	Ditto ...	Warrant ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
449	House-trespass in order to the com- mission of an offence punishable with death.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Not bailable...	Transportation for life, or rigorous imprisonment for ten years and fine.	Court of Ses- sion.
450	House-trespass in order to the com- mission of an offence punishable with transportation for life.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.	Ditto.
451	House-trespass in order to the commis- sion of an offence punishable with imprisonment.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Bailable ...	Imprisonment of either description for two years and fine.	Any Magis- trate.
452	If the offence is theft	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years and fine.	Court of Ses- sion, or Ma- gistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
	House-trespass, having made preparation for causing hurt, assault, &c.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto.

453	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, and fine.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
454	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking in order to the commission of an offence punishable with imprisonment.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
	If the offence is theft	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
455	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking, after preparation made for causing hurt, assault, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
456	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, and fine.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
457	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night in order to the commission of an offence punishable with imprisonment.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for five years, and fine.	Ditto.
	If the offence is theft	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for fourteen years, and fine.	Ditto.
458	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night, after preparation made for causing hurt, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
459	Grievous hurt caused whilst committing lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
460	Death or grievous hurt caused by one of several persons jointly concerned in house-breaking by night, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVII.—OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.—(Continued.)

Of Criminal Trespass.—(Concluded.)

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
461	Dishonestly breaking open or unfastening any closed receptacle containing or supposed to contain property.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
462	Being entrusted with any closed receptacle containing or supposed to contain any property, and fraudulently opening the same.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

CHAPTER XVIII.—OF OFFENCES RELATING TO DOCUMENTS AND TO TRADE OR PROPERTY-MARKS.

465	Forgery ...	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session.
466	Forgery of a record of a Court of Justice or of a Register of Births, &c., kept by a public servant.	Ditto	Ditto	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
467	Forgery of a valuable security, will, or authority to make or transfer any public security, or to receive any money, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
	When the valuable security is a promissory note of the Government of India.	May arrest without warrant.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.

468	Forgery for the purpose of cheating ...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
469	Forgery for the purpose of harming the reputation of any person, or knowing that it is likely to be used for that purpose.	Ditto	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, and fine.	Ditto.
471	Using as genuine a forged document which is known to be forged.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Punishment for forgery	Ditto.
	When the forged document is a promissory note of the Government of India.	Ditto	...	Not bailable...	...	Ditto	Ditto.
472	Making or counterfeiting a seal, plate, &c., with intent to commit a forgery punishable under section 467 of the Indian Penal Code; or possessing with like intent any such seal, plate, &c., knowing the same to be counterfeit.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
473	Making or counterfeiting a seal, plate, &c., with intent to commit a forgery punishable otherwise than under section 467 of the Indian Penal Code, or possessing with like intent any such seal, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
474	Having possession of a document, knowing it to be forged, with intent to use it as genuine.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
	If the document is a valuable security or will.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Transportation for life, or as above.	Ditto.
475	Counterfeiting a device or mark used for authenticating documents described in section 467 of the Indian Penal Code, or possessing counterfeit marked material.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.

CHAPTER XVIII.—OF OFFENCES RELATING TO DOCUMENTS AND TO TRADE OR PROPERTY-MARKS.—(Continued.)

1	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
476	Counterfeiting a device or mark used for authenticating documents other than those described in section 467 of the Indian Penal Code, or possessing counterfeit marked material.	Shall not arrest without war- rant.	Warrant	Not bailable..	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Court of Ses- sion.
477	Fraudulently destroying or defacing, or attempting to destroy or deface, or secretting, a will, &c.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Transportation for life, or imprison- ment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
<i>Of Trade and Property-Marks.</i>						
482	Using a false trade or property-mark with intent to deceive or injure any person.	Shall not arrest without war- rant.	Warrant	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
483	Counterfeiting a trade or property- mark used by another, with intent to cause damage or injury.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
484	Counterfeiting a property-mark used by a public servant, or any mark used by him to denote the manufacture, quality, &c., of any property.	Ditto	Summons	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, and fine.	Court of Ses- sion, or Ma- gistrate of the 1st class.
485	Fraudulently making or having posses- sion of any die, plate, or other instru- ment for counterfeiting any public or private property or trade-mark.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.

486	Knowingly selling goods marked with a counterfeit property or trade-mark.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment for either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
487	Fraudulently making a false mark upon any package or receptacle containing goods, with intent to cause it to be believed that it contains goods which it does not contain, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
488	Making use of any such false mark	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	Ditto.
489	Removing, destroying, or defacing, any property-mark with intent to cause injury.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

CHAPTER XIX.—OF THE CRIMINAL BREACH OF CONTRACTS OF SERVICE.

490	Being bound by contract to render personal service during a voyage or journey, or to convey or guard any property or person, and voluntarily omitting to do so.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Summons	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of 100 rupees, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
491	Being bound to attend on or supply the wants of a person who is helpless from youth, unsoundness of mind or disease, and voluntarily omitting to do so.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of 200 rupees, or both.	Ditto.
492	Being bound by a contract to render personal service for a certain period at a distant place to which the employee is conveyed at the expense of the employer, and there voluntarily deserting the service or refusing to perform the duty.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of double the expense incurred, or both.	Ditto.

CHAPTER XX.—OFFENCES RELATING TO MARRIAGE.

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
493	A man by deceit causing a woman not lawfully married to him to believe that she is lawfully married to him, and to cohabit with him, in that belief.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant ...	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Court of Session.
494	Marrying again during the life-time of a husband or wife.	Ditto	Ditto	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
495	Same offence with concealment of the former marriage from the person with whom subsequent marriage is contracted.	Ditto	Ditto	Not bailable...	Imprisonment of either description for ten years, and fine.	Ditto.
496	A person with fraudulent intention going through the ceremony of being married, knowing that he is not there-by lawfully married.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, and fine.	Ditto.
497	Adultery ...	Ditto	Ditto	Bailable	Imprisonment of either description for five years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
498	Enticing or taking away or detaining with a criminal intent a married woman.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.

CHAPTER XXI.—OF DEFAMATION.

Section	Defamation	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Bailable	Simple imprisonment for two years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
500	Defamation	...	...	...	...	...

601	Printing or engraving matter knowing it to be defamatory.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.	
602	Sale of printed or engraved substance containing defamatory matter, knowing it to contain such matter.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto.	
CHAPTER XXII.—OF CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION, INSULT, AND ANNOYANCE.									
604	Insult intended to provoke a breach of the peace.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	...	Warrant	...	Bailable	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, or fine, or both.	Any Magistrate.
605	False statement, rumours, &c., circulated with intent to cause mutiny or offences against the public peace.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Not bailable...	...	Ditto	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
606	Criminal intimidation	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Bailable	...	Ditto	Ditto.
	If threat be to cause death or grievous hurt, &c.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for seven years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session, or Magistrate of the 1st class.
607	Criminal intimidation by anonymous communication or having taken precaution to conceal whence the threat comes.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for two years, in addition to the punishment under above section.	Ditto.
608	Act caused by inducing a person to believe that he will be rendered an object of Divine displeasure.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Imprisonment of either description for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st or 2nd class.
609	Uttering any word or making any gesture intended to insult the modesty of a woman.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for one year, or fine, or both.	Magistrate of the 1st class.
610	Appearing in a public place, &c., in a state of intoxication, and causing annoyance to any person.	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Ditto	...	Simple imprisonment for twenty-four hours, or fine of ten rupees, or both.	Any Magistrate.

CHAPTER XXIII.—OF ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT OFFENCES.

1 Section.	2 Offence.	3 Whether the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	4 Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.	5 Whether bailable or not.	6 Punishment under the Indian Penal Code.	7 By what Court triable.
411	Attempting to commit offences punishable with transportation or imprisonment, and in such attempt doing any act towards the commission of the offence.	According as the offence is one in respect of which the Police may arrest without warrant or not.	According as the offence is one in respect of which a summons or warrant shall ordinarily issue.	According as the offence contemplated by the offender is bailable or not.	Transportation or imprisonment not exceeding half of the longest term and of the description provided for the offence, or fine, or both.	By the Court by which the offence is triable.
OFFENCES AGAINST OTHER LAWS.						
	If punishable with death, transportation, or imprisonment for seven years or upwards,	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable...	.....	According to the provisions of section eight of this Code.
	If punishable with imprisonment for three years and upwards but less than seven.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	.....
	If punishable with imprisonment for less than three years.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Summons	Bailable	
	If punishable with fine only	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	

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ACT No. XI.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 25th April 1872.)

An Act to provide for the trial of offences committed in places beyond British India and for the Extradition of Criminals.

WHEREAS by treaty, capitulation, agreement, grant, usage, sufferance and other lawful means the Governor-General of India in Council has power and jurisdiction within divers places beyond the limits of British India ; and whereas such power and jurisdiction have from time to time been delegated to Political Agents and others acting under the authority of the Governor-General in Council ; and whereas doubts have arisen how far the exercise of such power and jurisdiction, and the delegation thereof, are controlled by and dependent on the laws of British India ; and whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to consolidate and amend the law relating to the exercise and delegation of such power and jurisdiction, and to offences committed by British subjects beyond the limits of British India, and to the extradition of criminals ; It is enacted as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called “The Foreign Jurisdiction and Extradition Act, 1872 :”

Extent.

It extends to the whole of British India ;

to all Native Indian subjects of Her Majesty without and beyond the Indian territories under the dominion of Her Majesty ; and

to all European British subjects within the dominions of Princes and States in India in alliance with Her Majesty ;

Commencement.

and it shall come into force on the passing thereof.

Repeal of enactments.

2. The enactments mentioned in the first schedule hereto annexed are repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof.

‘Political Agent’, defined.

3. In this Act the expression ‘Political Agent’ means and includes—

(1) the principal officer representing the British Indian Government in any territory or place beyond the limits of British India ;

(2) any officer in British India appointed by the Governor-General in Council, or the Governor in Council of the Presidency of Fort St. George or Bombay, to exercise all or any of the powers of a Political Agent under this Act for any place not forming part of British India :

‘Native State’

‘Native State’ means,

in reference to Native Indian subjects of Her Majesty, all places without and beyond the Indian territories under the dominion of Her Majesty ; and,

in reference to European British subjects, the dominions of Princes and States in India in alliance with Her Majesty.

POWERS OF BRITISH OFFICERS IN PLACES BEYOND BRITISH INDIA.

4. The Governor-General in Council may exercise any power or jurisdiction which the Governor-General in Council now has, or may at any time hereafter have, within any country or place beyond the limits of British India; and may delegate the same to any servant of the British Indian Government, in such manner and to such extent as to the Governor-General in Council from time to time seems fit.

Exercise of powers of Governor-General in places beyond British India, and delegation thereof.

5. A notification in the *Gazette of India* of the exercise by the Governor-General in Council of any such power or jurisdiction, and of the delegation thereof by him to any person or class of persons, and of the rules of procedure or other conditions to which such persons are to conform, and of the local area within which their powers are to be exercised, shall be conclusive proof in any Court of the truth of the matters stated in the notification.

Notification of exercise or delegation of such powers.

6. The Governor-General in Council may appoint any European British subject, either by name or by virtue of his office, in any such country or place, to be a Justice of the Peace; and every such Justice of the Peace shall have all the powers conferred on Magistrates of the first class, who are Justices of the Peace and European British subjects, by any law for the time being in force in British India relating to Criminal Procedure. The Governor-General in Council may direct to what Court having jurisdiction over European British subjects any such Justice of the Peace is to commit for trial.

Appointment, powers and jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

7. All Political Agents and all Justices of the Peace heretofore appointed by the Governor-General in Council or the Governor in Council of the Presidency of Fort St. George or Bombay, in any such country or place as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be and to have been appointed, and to have and to have had jurisdiction, under the provisions of this Act.

Confirmation of existing Political Agents and Justices.

8. The law relating to offences and to Criminal Procedure for the time being in force in British India shall, subject as to Procedure to such modifications as the Governor-General in Council from time to time directs, extend to all British subjects, European and Native, in Native States.

Extension of criminal law of British India to British subjects in Native States.

INQUIRIES, IN BRITISH INDIA, INTO CRIMES COMMITTED BY BRITISH SUBJECTS IN PLACES BEYOND BRITISH INDIA.

9. All British subjects, European and Native, in British India, may be dealt with, in respect of offences committed by them in any Native State, as if such offences had been committed in any place within British India in which any such subject may be or may be found:

Liability of British subjects for offences committed in Native States.

Provided that no charge as to any such offence shall be inquired into in British India, unless the Political Agent, if there be such, for the territory in which the offence is said to have been committed, certifies that, in his opinion, the charge is one which ought to be inquired into in British India:

Political Agent to certify fitness of inquiry into charge.

Provided also that any proceedings taken against any person under this section, which would be a bar to subsequent proceedings against such person for the same offence, if such offence had been committed in British India, shall be a bar against further proceedings against him, under this Act, in respect of the same offence in any Native State.

10. Whenever any such offence as is referred to in section nine is being inquired into or tried, the Local Government may, if it thinks fit, direct that copies of depositions made or exhibits produced before the Political Agent or a Judicial Officer in the State in which such offence is alleged to have been committed shall be received as evidence by the Court holding such inquiry or trial, in any case in which such Court might issue a commission for taking evidence as to the matters to which such depositions or exhibits relate.

Power to direct copies of depositions and exhibits to be received in evidence.

EXTRADITION.

11. When an offence has been committed, or is supposed to have been committed, in any State against the law of such State by a person not being a European British subject, and such person escapes into or is in British India, the Political Agent for such State may issue a warrant for his arrest and delivery at a place in such State, and to a person to be named in the warrant,

Arrest and removal of persons, other than European British subjects, escaping into British India.

if such Political Agent thinks that the offence is one which ought to be inquired into in such State,

and if the act said to have been done would, if done in British India, have constituted an offence against any of the sections of the Indian Penal Code mentioned in the second schedule hereto, or under any other section of the said Code or any other law which may, from time to time, be specified by the Governor-General in Council by a notification in the Gazette.

12. Such warrant may be directed to the Magistrate of any district in which the accused person is believed to be; and shall be executed in the manner provided by the law for the time being in force with reference to the execution of warrants; and the accused person, when arrested, shall be forwarded to the place and delivered to the officer named in the warrant.

13. Such Political Agent may either dispose of the case himself, or may give over the person so forwarded, whether he be a Native Indian subject of Her Majesty or not, to be tried by the ordinary Courts of the State in which the offence was committed, if he is generally or specially directed to do so by the Governor-General in Council, or by the Governors in Council of the Presidency of Fort St. George or Bombay respectively.

14. Whenever a requisition is made to the Governor-General in Council or any Local Government by or by the authority of the persons for the time being administering the Executive Government of any part of the dominions of Her Majesty, or the territory of any Foreign Prince or State, that any person accused of having committed an offence in such dominions or territory should be given up, the Governor-General in Council or such Local Government, as the case may be, may issue an order to any Magistrate who would have had jurisdiction to inquire into the offence if it had been committed within his local jurisdiction, directing him to inquire into the truth of such accusation.

The Magistrate so directed shall issue a summons or warrant for the arrest of such person, according as the offence named appears to be one for which a summons or warrant would ordinarily issue; and shall inquire into the truth of such accusation, and shall report thereon to the Government by which he was directed to hold the said inquiry. If, upon receipt of such report, such Government is of opinion that the accused person ought to be given up to the persons making such requisition, it may issue a warrant for the custody and removal of such accused person and for his delivery at a place and to a person to be named in the warrant.

The provisions of section ten shall apply to inquiries held under this section.

This section shall not affect the provisions of any law or treaty for the time being in force as to the extradition of offenders; but the procedure provided by any such law or treaty shall be followed in every case to which it applies.

Power to make rules.

15. The Governor-General in Council may make, and may from time to time alter, rules to provide for—

(1) the confinement, diet and prison discipline of British subjects, European or Native, imprisoned by Political Agents under this Act;

(2) the removal of accused persons under this Act, and their control and maintenance until such time as they are handed over to the persons named in the warrant, as entitled to receive them;

(3) and generally to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SCHEDULE I.

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
26 Geo. III, c. 57 ...	An Act for the further Regulation of the trial of persons accused of certain offences committed in the East Indies; for repealing so much of an Act, made in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his present Majesty	Section 29.

SCHEDULE I.—(Concluded).

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
26 Geo. III, c. 57 ...	(intituled an Act for the better regulation and management of the affairs of the East India Company, and of the British possessions in India, and for establishing a Court of Judicature for the more speedy and effectual trial of persons accused of offences committed in the East Indies), as requires the servants of the East India Company to deliver inventories of their estates and effects; for rendering the laws more effectual against persons unlawfully resorting to the East Indies; and for the more easy proof, in certain cases, of deeds and writings executed in Great Britain or India.	Section 29.
33 Geo. III, c. 53 ...	An Act for continuing in the East India Company, for a further term, the possession of the British Territories in India, together with their exclusive trade, under certain limitations; for establishing further regulations for the government of the said Territories, and the better administration of justice within the same; for appropriating to certain uses the revenues and profits of the said Company; and for making provision for the good order and government of the Towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.	Section 67.
Act I of 1849 ...	An Act to provide more effectually for the punishment of offences committed in Foreign States.	So much as is repealed.
Act VII of 1854 ...	An Act for the apprehension within the territories under the Government of the East India Company of persons charged with the commission of heinous offences beyond the limits of the said territories, and for delivering them up to Justice, and to provide for the execution of warrants in places out of the jurisdiction of the authorities issuing them.	So much as is repealed.

SCHEDULE II.

SECTIONS OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE REFERRED TO IN SECTION 11.

Sections 230 to 263, both inclusive; sections 290 to 304, both inclusive; sections 307, 310 and 311; sections 312 to 317, both inclusive; sections 323 to 333, both inclusive; sections 347 and 348; sections 360 to 373, both inclusive; sections 375 to 377, both inclusive; sections 378 to 414, both inclusive; sections 435 to 440, both inclusive; sections 443 to 446, both inclusive; sections 464 to 468, both inclusive; sections 471 to 477, both inclusive.

ACT No. XII.

ASSESSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 26th April 1872.)

An Act to amend Act XII of 1870 (the Native Passenger Ships Act.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Act XII of 1870 (the Native Passenger Ships Act); It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Amendment of sec. 2, Act XII of 1870.

1. Instead of section two of the said Act, the following shall be read :

"2. This Act extends to British India, and applies also to all subjects of Her Majesty within the dominions of Princes and States in alliance with Her Majesty, and to all Native Indian subjects of Her Majesty without and beyond British India.

Extent of Act.

"Nothing in this Act applies to any Ship-of-War or Transport belonging to or in the service of Her Majesty, or to any Ship-of-War belonging to any Foreign Prince or State, or to any ship under contract with the Government of any European State.

"The Local Government may, if it thinks fit, exempt any steamer or class of steamers, carrying not more than sixty passengers, being Natives of Asia or Africa, from the operation of this Act, for any period not exceeding one year.

"Such exemption may be from time to time renewed for any period not exceeding one year."

Amendment of sec. 4.

2. Instead of the last paragraph of section four of the said Act, the following shall be read :

"The words 'Native Passenger Ship' mean a vessel, whether sailing or steam, carrying more than thirty passengers, being Natives of Asia or Africa; provided that no person in attendance upon another person other than a Native of India shall be deemed a passenger for the purposes of this section."

Addition to section 12.

3. After section twelve of the said Act, the following proviso shall be added :

"Provided that, in the case of Steam Ships, the officer aforesaid may, if under the circumstances of the case he thinks fit, reduce the space to be appropriated to passengers in the between-decks under the requirements of this section, to a space containing at the least nine superficial and fifty-four cubical feet of space for every adult passenger on board."

Addition to section 21.

4. After section twenty-one of the said Act, the following proviso shall be added :

"Provided also that, in the case of Steam Ships provided with a condenser, the officer authorized in that behalf may, if under the circumstances of the case he thinks fit, reduce the amount of water to be provided under the requirements of this section to an amount not less than four gallons to every week of the declared duration of the voyage for every passenger on board."

Addition after section 26.

5. After section twenty-six of the said Act, the following shall be read :—

"26A. Whenever a Convention shall have been entered into between the Government of Her Majesty the Queen and the Turkish Government that every Master of a Native Passenger Ship leaving a Turkish port or place and bound for any port or place in British India, whether such ship be owned by a subject of Her Majesty or not, shall execute a bond binding him in a penalty to touch at Aden, and not to proceed thence without a clean bill of health, obtained in the manner

Penalty on Master of Native Passenger Ship, bound from Turkish to Indian port, entering latter without clean bill of health in breach of Convention.

provided in section twenty-five, any Master of any such ship, whether he be a subject of Her Majesty or not, who shall come into any port or place in British India without such clean bill of health, may be taken by the officer in charge of such port or place before any Magistrate having local jurisdiction; and on proof that such Master has come from a Turkish port or place, such Magistrate shall presume that such bond was duly executed by such Master, and in default of production of such clean bill of health, shall presume that the penalty mentioned in such bond has been incurred; and may award the full amount or any part of such penalty against such Master, and, in default of payment of such penalty, may recover it as though it were a fine imposed under this Act."

Addition after section 88.

6. After section thirty-eight of the said Act, the following section shall be added as section thirty-nine:—

"39. Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of Act XXV of 1859 (*to prevent the overcrowding of vessels carrying Native Passengers in the Bay of Bengal*)."

Saving of Act XXV of 1859.
Act to be read as part of Act XII of 1870

7. This Act shall be read as part of Act XII of 1870.

ACT No. XIII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 26th April 1872.)

An Act to amend Act XV of 1859.

WHEREAS, by Act XV of 1859, provision was made for the grant of certain privileges to the inventors of new manufactures; and whereas it is desirable that provision should be made for the grant of similar privileges to the inventors of new patterns and designs in British India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Patterns and Designs Protection Act, 1872."

Extent.

It extends to the whole of British India, and shall come into force on the passing thereof.

Addition to section I of Act XV of 1859.

2. At the end of section I of the said Act XV of 1859, the following shall be read:—

"For the purposes of this Act, 'New manufacture' shall be deemed to include any new and original pattern or design, or the application of such pattern or design to any substance or article of manufacture."

'New manufacture' defined.

Addition to section IV.

3. At the end of section IV of the said Act, the following shall be read:—

"Provided that, in the case of a pattern or design or the application thereof to any substance or article of manufacture, such privilege shall be granted for the term of three years and no more."

Addition after section XXXVII

4. After section XXXVII of the said Act, the following shall be read:—

"XXXVII-A. Whenever, by any law for the time being in force in the United Kingdom, any person is entitled in the United Kingdom to an exclusive right in any pattern or design, or in the application of such pattern or design to any substance or article of manufacture, such person shall be entitled in British India to the sole and exclusive right in such pattern or design, or in such application thereof, and shall be entitled in British India to the same civil remedies in respect of any infringement thereof in British India, as those to which he would be entitled in the United Kingdom in respect of an infringement thereof in the United Kingdom."

Persons invested by English law with rights as to patterns and designs, to have same rights in British India.

Act to be read as part of Act XV of 1859.

5. This Act shall be read with and as part of the said Act XV of 1859.

ACT No. XIV.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 6th June 1872.)

An Act to exempt the Straits Settlements from the Indian Emigration Act, 1871.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the exemption of the islands and territories known as the Straits Settlements from all or some of the provisions contained in the Indian Emigration Act, 1871; It is hereby
Preamble.
enacted as follows :—

1. The Governor-General in Council may, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette of India*, exempt emigration to, or contracts for labour to be performed in, the whole or any part of the said Settlements from all or any of the provisions contained in the Indian Emigration Act, 1871;
Power to exempt Straits Settlements from Emigration Act.

and may also, from time to time, by like notification, revoke or alter any notification previously made under this Act.

2. No suit or other proceeding shall be maintained against any person for anything done or omitted, in respect of such emigration or contracts, before the date of the notification made under the first clause of section one.
Bar of certain proceedings.

ACT No. XV.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 18th July 1872.)

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the solemnization in India of the marriages of Christians.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the solemnization in India of the marriages of persons professing the Christian religion ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Preamble.

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872."

It extends to the whole of British India, and, so far only as regards Christian subjects of Her Majesty, to the territories of Native Princes and States in alliance with Her Majesty ;

Extent.

Commencement.

and it shall come into force on the passing thereof.

2. The enactments specified in the fifth schedule hereto annexed are repealed, but not so as to invalidate any marriage confirmed by, or solemnized under, any such enactment.

Enactments repealed.

And all appointments made, licenses granted, consents given, certificates issued, and other things duly done under any such enactment shall be deemed to be respectively made, granted, given, issued and done under this Act.

For clause xxiv of section nineteen of the Court Fees Act, 1870, the following shall be substituted :—

'xxiv. Petitions under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, sections forty-five and forty-eight.'

Interpretation-clause.

3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context—

"Church of England."
"Anglican."

"Church of England" and "Anglican" mean and apply to the Church of England as by law established ;

"Church of Scotland."

"Church of Scotland" means the Church of Scotland as by law established ;

"Church of Rome,"
"Roman Catholic"

"Church of Rome" and "Roman Catholic" mean and apply to the Church which regards the Pope of Rome as its spiritual head ;

"Church."

"Church" includes any chapel or other building generally used for public Christian worship ;

"Minor."

"Minor" means a person who has not completed the age of twenty-one years, and who is not a widower or a widow ;

"Native State."

"Native State" means the territories of any Native Prince or State in alliance with Her Majesty ;

"Christians."

The expression "Christians" means persons professing the Christian religion ;

"Native Christians."

And the expression "Native Christians" includes the Christian descendants of Natives of India converted to Christianity, as well as such converts.

PART I.

THE PERSONS BY WHOM MARRIAGES MAY BE SOLEMNIZED.

4. Every marriage between persons, one or both of whom is a Christian or Christians, shall be solemnized in accordance with the provisions of the Act. the next following section; and any such marriage solemnized otherwise than in accordance with such provisions shall be void.

Persons by whom marriages may be solemnized.

5. Marriages may be solemnized in India—

(1) by any person who has received episcopal ordination, provided that the marriage be solemnized according to the rules, rites, ceremonies and customs of the Church of which he is a Minister;

(2) by any Clergyman of the Church of Scotland, provided that such marriage be solemnized according to the rules, rites, ceremonies and customs of the Church of Scotland;

(3) by any Minister of Religion licensed under this Act to solemnize marriages;

(4) by, or in the presence of, a Marriage Registrar appointed under this Act;

(5) by any person licensed under this Act to grant certificates of marriage between Native Christians.

Grant and revocation of licenses to solemnize marriages.

6. The Local Government may grant licenses to Ministers of Religion to solemnize marriages within the territories under its administration, and may revoke such licenses.

7. The Local Government may appoint one or more Christians, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, to be the Marriage Registrar or Marriage Registrars for any district subject to its administration.

Senior Marriage Registrar.

Where there are more Marriage Registrars than one in any district, the Local Government shall appoint one of them to be the Senior Marriage Registrar.

When there is only one Marriage Registrar in a district, and such Registrar is absent from such district, or ill, or when his office is temporarily vacant, the Magistrate of the District shall act as, and be, Marriage Registrar thereof during such absence, illness, or temporary vacancy.

8. The Governor-General in Council may, by notification in the *Gazette of India*, appoint any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, to be a Marriage Registrar in respect of any district or place within the territories of any Native Prince or State in alliance with Her Majesty.

The Governor-General in Council may, by like notification, revoke any such appointment.

Licensing of persons to grant certificates of marriage between Native Christians.

9. The Local Government or (so far as regards any Native State) the Governor-General in Council may grant a license to any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, authorizing him to grant certificates of marriage between Native Christians.

Any such license may be revoked by the authority by which it was granted, and every such grant or revocation shall be notified in the official Gazette.

PART II.

TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH MARRIAGES MAY BE SOLEMNIZED.

Time for solemnizing marriage.

10. Every marriage under this Act shall be solemnized between the hours of six in the morning and seven in the evening:

Exceptions.

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to—

(1) a Clergyman of the Church of England solemnizing a marriage under a special license permitting him to do so at any hour other than between six in the morning and seven in the evening under the hand and seal of the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese or his Commissary, or

(2) a Clergyman of the Church of Rome solemnizing a marriage between the hours of seven in the evening and six in the morning, when he has received a general or special license in that behalf from the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese or Vicariate in which such marriage is so solemnized, or from such person as the same Bishop has authorized to grant such license.

Place for solemnizing marriage.

11. No Clergyman of the Church of England shall solemnize a marriage in any place other than a church, unless there is no church within five miles distance by the shortest road from such place, or unless he has received a special license authorizing him to do so under the hand and seal of the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese or his Commissary.

Fee for special license.

For such special license, the Registrar of the Diocese may charge such additional fee as the said Bishop from time to time authorizes.

PART III.

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT.

Notice of intended marriage.

12. Whenever a marriage is intended to be solemnized by a Minister of Religion licensed to solemnize marriages under this Act—

one of the persons intending marriage shall give notice in writing, according to the form contained in the first schedule hereto annexed, or to the like effect, to the Minister of Religion whom he or she desires to solemnize the marriage, and shall state therein

(a) the name and surname, and the profession or condition, of each of the persons intending marriage,

(b) the dwelling-place of each of them,

(c) the time during which each has dwelt there, and

(d) the church or private dwelling in which the marriage is to be solemnized :

Provided that, if either of such persons has dwelt in the place mentioned in the notice during more than one month, it may be stated therein that he or she has dwelt there one month and upwards.

13. If the persons intending marriage desire it to be solemnized in a particular church, and if the Minister of Religion to whom such notice has been delivered be entitled to officiate therein, he shall cause the notice to be affixed in some conspicuous part of such church.

But if he is not entitled to officiate as a Minister in such church, he shall, at his option, either return the notice to the person who delivered it to him, or deliver it to some other Minister entitled to officiate therein, who shall thereupon cause the notice to be affixed as aforesaid.

14. If it be intended that the marriage shall be solemnized in a private dwelling, the Minister of Religion, on receiving the notice prescribed in section twelve, shall forward it to the Marriage Registrar of the district, who shall affix the same to some conspicuous place in his own office.

15. When one of the persons intending marriage is a minor, every Minister receiving such notice shall, unless within twenty-four hours after its receipt he returns the same under the provisions of section thirteen, send by the post or otherwise a copy of such notice to the Marriage Registrar of the District, or, if there be more than one Registrar of such district, to the Senior Marriage Registrar.

16. The Marriage Registrar or Senior Marriage Registrar, as the case may be, on receiving any such notice, shall affix it to some conspicuous place in his own office, and the latter shall further cause a copy of the said notice to be sent to each of the other Marriage Registrars in the same district, who shall likewise publish the same in the manner above directed.

17. Any Minister of Religion consenting or intending to solemnize any such marriage as aforesaid shall, on being required so to do by or on behalf of the person by whom the notice was given, and upon one of the persons intending marriage making the declaration hereinafter required, issue under his hand a certificate of such notice having been given and of such declaration having been made ;

Proviso.

Provided—

(1) that no such certificate shall be issued until the expiration of four days after the date of the receipt of the notice by such Minister ;

(2) that no lawful impediment be shown to his satisfaction why such certificate should not issue ; and

(3) that the issue of such certificate has not been forbidden in manner hereinafter mentioned by any person authorized in that behalf.

18. The certificate mentioned in section seventeen shall not be issued until one of the persons intending marriage has appeared personally before the Minister and made a solemn declaration—

(a) that he or she believes that there is not any impediment of kindred or affinity or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage,

and, when either or both of the parties is or are a minor or minors,

(b) that the consent or consents required by law has or have been obtained thereto, or that there is no person resident in India having authority to give such consent, as the case may be.

19. The father, if living, of any minor, or if the father be dead, the guardian of the person of such minor, and, in case there be no such guardian, then the mother of such minor, may give consent to the minor's marriage,

and such consent is hereby required for the same marriage, unless no person authorized to give such consent be resident in India.

20. Every person whose consent to a marriage is required under section nineteen is hereby authorized to prohibit the issue of the certificate by any Minister, at any time before the issue of the same, by notice in writing to such Minister, subscribed by the person so authorized with his or her name and place of abode and position with respect to either of the persons intending marriage, by reason of which he or she is so authorized as aforesaid.

21. If any such notice be received by such Minister, he shall not issue his certificate and shall not solemnize the said marriage until he has examined into the matter of the said prohibition, and is satisfied that the person prohibiting the marriage has no lawful authority for such prohibition, or until the said notice is withdrawn by the person who gave it.

22. When either of the persons intending marriage is a minor, and the Minister is not satisfied that the consent of the person whose consent to such marriage is required by section nineteen, has been obtained, such Minister shall not issue such certificate until the expiration of fourteen days after the receipt by him of the notice of marriage.

23. When any Native Christian about to be married takes a notice of marriage to a Minister of Religion, or applies for a certificate from such Minister under section seventeen, such Minister shall, before issuing the certificate, ascertain whether such Native Christian is cognizant of the purport and effect of the said notice or certificate, as the case may be, and, if not, shall translate or cause to be translated the notice or certificate to such Native Christian into some language which he understands.

24. The certificate to be issued by such Minister shall be in the form contained in the second schedule hereto annexed, or to the like effect.

25. After the issue of the certificate by the Minister, marriage may be solemnized between the persons therein described according to such form or ceremony as the Minister thinks fit to adopt:

Provided that the marriage be solemnized in the presence of at least two witnesses besides the Minister.

26. Whenever a marriage is not solemnized within two months after the date of the certificate issued by such Minister as aforesaid, such certificate and all proceedings (if any) thereon shall be void,

and no person shall proceed to solemnize the said marriage until new notice has been given and a certificate thereof issued in manner aforesaid,

PART IV.

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION.

27. All marriages hereafter solemnized in India between persons one or both of

whom professes or profess the Christian religion, except marriages solemnized under Part V or Part VI of this Act, shall be registered in manner hereinafter prescribed.

28. Every Clergyman of the Church of England shall keep a register of marriages and shall register therein, according to the tabular form set forth in the third schedule hereto annexed, every marriage which he solemnizes under this Act.

Registration of marriages solemnized by Clergymen of Church of England.

29. Every Clergyman of the Church of England shall send four times in every year returns in duplicate, authenticated by his signature, of the entries in the register of marriages solemnized at any place where he has any spiritual charge, to the Registrar of the Archdeaconry to which he is subject, or within the limits of which such place is situate.

Quarterly returns to Archdeaconry.

Such quarterly returns shall contain all the entries of marriages contained in the said register from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of March, from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of June, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, and from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of December, of each year, respectively, and shall be sent by such Clergyman within two weeks from the expiration of each of the quarters above specified.

Contents of returns.

The said Registrar upon receiving the said returns shall send one copy thereof to the Secretary to the Local Government.

Registration and returns of marriages solemnized by Clergymen of Church of Rome.

30. Every marriage solemnized by a Clergyman of the Church of Rome shall be registered by the person and according to the form directed in that behalf by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese or Vicariate in which such marriage is solemnized,

and such person shall forward quarterly to the Secretary to the Local Government returns of the entries of all marriages registered by him during the three months next preceding.

Registration and returns of marriages solemnized by Clergymen of Church of Scotland.

31. Every Clergyman of the Church of Scotland shall keep a register of marriages,

and shall register therein, according to the tabular form set forth in the third schedule hereto annexed, every marriage which he solemnizes under this Act,

and shall forward quarterly to the Secretary to the Local Government, through the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, returns, similar to those prescribed in section twenty-nine, of all such marriages.

32. Every marriage solemnized by any person who has received episcopal ordination, but who is not a Clergyman of the Church of England, or of the Church of Rome, or by any Minister of Religion licensed under this Act to solemnize marriages, shall immediately after the solemnization thereof be registered in duplicate by the person solemnizing the same; (that is to say) in a marriage register-book to be kept by him for that purpose, according to the form contained in the fourth schedule hereto annexed, and also in a certificate attached to the marriage register-book as a counterfoil.

Certain marriages to be registered in duplicate.

33. The entry of such marriage in both the certificate and marriage register-book shall be signed by the person solemnizing the marriage, and also by the persons married, and shall be attested by two credible witnesses, other than the person solemnizing the marriage, present at its solemnization.

Entries of such marriages to be signed and attested.

Every such entry shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of the book, and the number of the certificate shall correspond with that of the entry in the marriage register-book.

Certificate to be forwarded to Marriage Registrar, copied, and sent to Government.

34. The person solemnizing the marriage shall forthwith separate the certificate from the marriage register-book and send it, within one month from the time of the solemnization, to the Marriage Registrar of the district in which the marriage was solemnized, or, if there be more Marriage Registrars than one, to the Senior Marriage Registrar,

who shall cause such certificate to be copied into a book to be kept by him for that purpose,

and shall send all the certificates which he has received during the month, with such number and signature or initials added thereto, as are hereinafter required, to the Secretary to the Local Government.

35. Such copies shall be entered in order from the beginning to the end of the said book, and shall bear both the number of the certificate as copied, and also a number to be entered by the Marriage Registrar, indicating the number of the entry of the said copy in the said book, according to the order in which he receives each certificate.

36. The Marriage Registrar shall also add such last-mentioned number of the entry of the copy in the book to the certificate, with his signature or initials, and shall, at the end of every month, send the same to the Secretary to the Local Government.

37. When any marriage between Native Christians is solemnized under Part I or Part III of this Act, the person solemnizing the same shall, instead of proceeding in the manner provided by sections twenty-eight to thirty-six, both inclusive, register the marriage in a separate register book, and shall keep it safely until it is filled, or, if he leave the district in which he solemnized the marriage before the said book is filled, shall make over the same to the person succeeding to his duties in the said district.

Whoever has the control of the book at the time when it is filled, shall send it to the Marriage Registrar of the District, or, if there be more Marriage Registrars than one, to the Senior Marriage Registrar, who shall send it to the Secretary to the Local Government, to be kept by him with the records of his office.

PART V.

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY, OR IN THE PRESENCE OF, A MARRIAGE REGISTRAR.

38. When a marriage is intended to be solemnized by, or in the presence of, a Marriage Registrar, one of the parties to such marriage shall give notice in writing, in the form contained in the first schedule hereto annexed, or to the like effect, to any Marriage Registrar of the district within which the parties have dwelt,

or, if the parties dwell in different districts, shall give the like notice to a Marriage Registrar of each district,

and shall state therein the name and surname, and the profession or condition, of each of the parties intending marriage, the dwelling place of each of them, the time during which each has dwelt therein, and the place at which the marriage is to be solemnized :

Provided that, if either party has dwelt in the place stated in the notice for more than one month, it may be stated therein that he or she has dwelt there one month and upwards.

39. Every Marriage Registrar shall, on receiving any such notice, cause a copy thereof to be affixed in some conspicuous place in his office.

When one of the parties intending marriage is a minor, every Marriage Registrar shall, within twenty-four hours after the receipt by him of the notice of such marriage, send, by post or otherwise, a copy of such notice to each of the other Marriage Registrars (if any) in the same district, who shall likewise affix the copy in some conspicuous place in his own office.

Notice to be filed and copy entered in Marriage Notice Book.

40. The Marriage Registrar shall file all such notices and keep them with the records of his office,

and shall also forthwith enter a true copy of all such notices in a book to be furnished to him for that purpose by the Local Government, and to be called the "Marriage Notice Book ;"

and the Marriage Notice Book shall be open at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of inspecting the same.

41. If the party by whom the notice was given requests the Marriage Registrar to issue the certificate next hereinafter mentioned, and if one of the parties intending marriage has made oath as hereinafter required,

Certificate of notice given and oath made,

the Marriage Registrar shall issue under his hand a certificate of such notice having been given and of such oath having been made :

Proviso.

Provided—

that no lawful impediment be shown to his satisfaction why such certificate should not issue ;

that the issue of such certificate has not been forbidden, in manner hereinafter mentioned, by any person authorized in that behalf by this Act ;

that four days after the receipt of the notice have expired, and further,

that where, by such oath, it appears that one of the parties intending marriage is a minor, fourteen days after the entry of such notice have expired.

42. The certificate mentioned in section forty-one shall not be issued by any Marriage Registrar, until one of the parties intending marriage appears personally before such Marriage Registrar and makes oath

(a) that he or she believes that there is not any impediment of kindred or affinity, or other lawful hindrance, to the said marriage, and

(b) that both the parties have, or (where they have dwelt in the districts of different Marriage Registrars) that the party making such oath has had their, his, or her usual place of abode within the district of such Marriage Registrar, and, where either or each of the parties is a minor,

(c) that the consent or consents to such marriage required by law has or have been obtained thereto, or that there is no person resident in India authorized to give such consent, as the case may be.

43. When one of the parties intending marriage is a minor, and both such parties are at the time resident in any of the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and are desirous of being married in less than fourteen days after the entry of such notice as aforesaid, they may apply by petition to a Judge of the High Court for an order upon the Marriage Registrar to whom the notice of marriage has been given, directing him to issue his certificate before the expiration of the said fourteen days required by section forty-one.

And on sufficient cause being shown, the said Judge may, in his discretion, make an order upon such Marriage Registrar, directing him to issue his certificate at any time to be mentioned in the said order, before the expiration of the fourteen days so required.

And the said Marriage Registrar, on receipt of the said order, shall issue his certificate in accordance therewith.

44. The provisions of section nineteen apply to every marriage under this Part, either of the parties to which is a minor ;

and any person whose consent to such marriage would be required thereunder may enter a protest against the issue of the Marriage Registrar's certificate, by writing, at any time before the issue of such certificate, the word " forbidden," opposite to the entry of the notice of such intended marriage in the Marriage Notice Book, and by subscribing thereto his or her name and place of abode, and his or her position with respect to either of the parties, by reason of which he or she is so authorized.

When such protest has been entered, no certificate shall issue until the Marriage Registrar has examined into the matter of the protest, and is satisfied that it ought not to obstruct the issue of the certificate for the said marriage, or until the protest be withdrawn by the person who entered it.

45. If any person whose consent is necessary to any marriage under this Part is of unsound mind, or if any such person (other than the father) without just cause withholds his consent to the marriage,

the parties intending marriage may apply by petition, where the person whose consent is necessary is resident within any of the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, to a Judge of the High Court, or if he is not resident within any of the said towns, then to the District Judge :

Procedure on petition.

And the said Judge of the High Court, or District Judge, as the case may be, may examine the allegations of the petition in a summary way :

And if upon examination such marriage appears proper, such Judge of the High Court or District Judge, as the case may be, shall declare the marriage to be a proper marriage.

Such declaration shall be as effectual as if the person whose consent was needed had consented to the marriage ;

and if he has forbidden the issue of the Marriage Registrar's certificate, such certificate shall be issued and the like proceedings may be had under this Part in relation to the marriage as if the issue of such certificate had not been forbidden.

Petition when Marriage Registrar refuses certificate.

46. Whenever a Marriage Registrar refuses to issue a certificate under this Part, either of the parties intending marriage may apply by petition, where the district of such Registrar is within any of the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, to a Judge of the High Court, or if such district is not within any of the said towns, then to the District Judge :

Procedure on petition.

The said Judge of the High Court or District Judge, as the case may be, may examine the allegations of the petition in a summary way, and shall decide thereon.

The decision of such Judge of the High Court or District Judge, as the case may be, shall be final, and the Marriage Registrar to whom the application for the issue of a certificate was originally made shall proceed in accordance therewith.

Petition when Marriage Registrar in Native State refuses certificate.

47. Whenever a Marriage Registrar resident in any Native State refuses to issue his certificate, either of the parties intending marriage may apply by petition to the Governor-General in Council, who shall decide thereon.

Such decision shall be final, and the Marriage Registrar to whom the application was originally made shall proceed in accordance therewith.

Petition when Registrar doubts authority of person forbidding.

48. Whenever a Marriage Registrar, acting under the provisions of section forty-four, is not satisfied that the person forbidding the issue of the certificate is authorized by law so to do, the said Marriage Registrar shall apply by petition, where his district is within any of the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, to a Judge of the High Court, or if such district be not within any of the said towns, then to the District Judge.

Procedure on petition.

The said petition shall state all the circumstances of the case, and pray for the order and direction of the Court concerning the same,

and the said Judge of the High Court or District Judge, as the case may be, shall examine into the allegations of the petition and the circumstances of the case,

and if, upon such examination, it appears that the person forbidding the issue of such certificate is not authorized by law so to do, such Judge of the High Court or District Judge, as the case may be, shall declare that the person forbidding the issue of such certificate is not authorized as aforesaid.

And thereupon such certificate shall be issued, and the like proceedings may be had in relation to such marriage as if the issue had not been forbidden.

Reference when Marriage Registrar in Native State doubts authority of person forbidding.

Whenever a Marriage Registrar appointed under section eight to act within any Native State is not satisfied that the person forbidding the issue of the certificate is authorized by law so to do, the said Marriage Registrar shall send a statement of all the circumstances of the case, together with all documents relating thereto, to the Governor-General in Council.

Procedure on reference.

If it appears to the Governor-General in Council that the person forbidding the issue of such certificate is not authorized by law so to do, the Governor-General in Council shall declare that the person forbidding the issue of such certificate is not authorized as aforesaid,

and thereupon such certificate shall be issued, and the like proceedings may be had in relation to such marriage as if the issue of the certificate had not been forbidden.

Liability for frivolous protest against issue of certificate.

49. Every person entering a protest with the Marriage Registrar, under this Part, against the issue of any certificate on grounds which such Marriage Registrar, under section forty-four, or a Judge of the High Court or the District Judge, under section forty-five or forty-six, declares to

be frivolous and such as ought not to obstruct the issue of the certificate, shall be liable for the costs of all proceedings in relation thereto and for damages, to be recovered by suit by the person against whose marriage such protest was entered.

50. The certificate to be issued by the Marriage Registrar under the provisions of section forty-one shall be in the form contained in the second schedule to this Act annexed, or to the like effect,

Form of certificate. and the Local Government shall furnish to every Marriage Registrar a sufficient number of forms of certificate.

Solemnization of marriage after issue of certificate. 51. After the issue of the certificate of the Marriage Registrar,

or, where notice is required to be given under this Act to the Marriage Registrars for different districts, after the issue of the certificates of the Marriage Registrars for such districts,

marriage may, if there be no lawful impediment to the marriage of the parties described in such certificate or certificates, be solemnized between them, according to such form and ceremony as they think fit to adopt.

But every such marriage shall be solemnized in the presence of some Marriage Registrar (to whom shall be delivered such certificate or certificates as aforesaid), and of two or more credible witnesses besides the Marriage Registrar.

And in some part of the ceremony each of the parties shall declare as follows or to the like effect—

“I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *A. B.*, may not be joined in matrimony to *C. D.*”

And each of the parties shall say to the other as follows or to the like effect—“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, *A. B.*, do take thee, *C. D.*, to be my lawful wedded wife [or husband].”

52. Whenever a marriage is not solemnized within two months after the copy of the notice has been entered by the Marriage Registrar, as required by section forty, the notice and the certificate, if any, issued thereupon, and all other proceedings thereupon, shall be void ;

and no person shall proceed to solemnize the marriage, nor shall any Marriage Registrar enter the same, until new notice has been given, and entry made, and certificate thereof given, at the time and in the manner aforesaid.

Marriage Registrar may ask for particulars to be registered. 53. A Marriage Registrar before whom any marriage is solemnized under this Part may ask of the persons to be married the several particulars required to be registered touching such marriage.

54. After the solemnization of any marriage under this Part, the Marriage Registrar present at such solemnization shall forthwith register the marriage in duplicate, that is to say, in a marriage-register-book, according to the form of the fourth schedule hereto annexed, and also in a certificate attached to the marriage-register-book as a counterfoil.

The entry of such marriage in both the certificate and the marriage-register-book shall be signed by the person by or before whom the marriage has been solemnized, if there be any such person, and by the Marriage Registrar present at such marriage, whether or not it is solemnized by him, and also by the parties married and attested by two credible witnesses other than the Marriage Registrar and person solemnizing the marriage.

Every such entry shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of the book, and the number of the certificate shall correspond with that of the entry in the marriage-register-book.

Certificate to be sent monthly to Secretary to Government. 55. The Marriage Registrar shall forthwith separate the certificate from the marriage-register-book and send it, at the end of every month, to the Secretary to the Local Government.

The Marriage Registrar shall keep safely the said register-book until it is filled, and shall then send it to the Secretary to the Local Government, to be kept by him with the records of his office.

56. The Marriage Registrars in Native States shall send the certificates mentioned in section fifty-four to such officers as the Governor-General in Council, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette of India*, appoints in this behalf.

Officers to whom Registrars in Native States shall send certificates.

Custody of register-book.

Registration of marriages solemnized under Part V.

When marriage not had within two months after notice, new notice required.

57. When any Native Christian about to be married gives a notice of marriage, or applies for a certificate from a Marriage Registrar, such Marriage Registrar shall ascertain whether the said Native Christian understands the English language, and, if he does not, the Marriage Registrar shall translate, or cause to be translated, such notice or certificate, or both of them, as the case may be, to such Native Christian into a language which he understands ;

Registrars to ascertain that notice and certificate are understood by Native Christians.

or the Marriage Registrar shall otherwise ascertain whether the Native Christian is cognizant of the purport and effect of the said notice and certificate.

58. When any Native Christian is married under the provisions of this Part, the person solemnizing the marriage shall ascertain whether such Native Christian understands the English language, and, if he does not, the person solemnizing the marriage shall, at the time of the solemnization, translate, or cause to be translated, to such Native Christian, into a language which he understands, the declarations made at such marriage in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Registration of marriages between Native Christians.

59. The registration of marriages between Native Christians under this Part shall be made in conformity with the rules laid down in section thirty-seven (so far as they are applicable), and not otherwise.

PART VI.

MARRIAGE OF NATIVE CHRISTIANS.

On what conditions marriages of Native Christians may be certified.

60. Every marriage between Native Christians applying for a certificate, shall, without the preliminary notice required under Part III, be certified under this Part, if the following conditions be fulfilled, and not otherwise :—

(1.) The age of the man intending to be married shall exceed sixteen years, and the age of the woman intending to be married shall exceed thirteen years :

(2.) Neither of the persons intending to be married shall have a wife or husband still living :

(3.) In the presence of a person licensed under section nine, and of at least two credible witnesses other than such person, each of the parties shall say to the other—

“ I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, *A. B.*, in the presence of Almighty God, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, do take thee, *C. D.*, to be my lawful wedded wife [*or husband*]” or words to the like effect :

Provided that no marriage shall be certified under this Part when either of the parties intending to be married has not completed his or her eighteenth years, unless such consent as is mentioned in section nineteen has been given to the intended marriage, or unless it appears that there is no person living authorized to give such consent.

61. When, in respect to any marriage solemnized under this Part, the conditions prescribed in section sixty have been fulfilled, the person licensed as aforesaid, in whose presence the said declaration has been made, shall, on the application of either of the parties to such marriage, and on the payment of a fee of four annas, grant a certificate of the marriage.

The certificate shall be signed by such licensed person, and shall be received in any suit touching the validity of such marriage, as conclusive proof of its having been performed.

62. A register-book of all marriages of which certificates are granted under section sixty-one, shall be kept by the person granting such certificates, in his own vernacular language.

Such register-book shall be kept according to such form as the Local Government from time to time prescribes in this behalf, and true extracts therefrom, duly authenticated, shall be deposited at such places as the Local Government directs.

63. Every person licensed under this Act to grant certificates of marriage, and keeping a marriage-register-book under section sixty-two, shall, at all reasonable times, allow search to be made in such book, and shall, on payment of the proper fee, give a copy, certified under his hand, of any entry therein.

Searches in Register-book and copies of entries.

Books in which marriages of Native Christians under Part I or Part III are registered.

65. This Part of

Part VI not to apply to Roman Catholics. Saving of certain marriages.

the twenty-third day of February 1865.

64. The provisions of sections sixty-two and sixty-three, as to the form of the register-book, depositing extracts therefrom, allowing searches thereof, and giving copies of the entries therein, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the books kept under section thirty-seven.

65. This Act, except so much of sections sixty-two and sixty-three as are referred to in section sixty-four, shall not apply to marriages between Roman Catholics. But nothing herein contained shall invalidate any marriage celebrated between Roman Catholics under the provisions of Part V of Act No. XXV of 1864, previous to the

PART VII.

PENALTIES.

66. Whoever, for the purpose of procuring any marriage, intentionally makes any false oath, notice or certificate for procuring marriage; false oath or signs any false notice or certificate required by this Act, shall be deemed guilty of the offence described in section one hundred and ninety-three of the Indian Penal Code.

67. Whoever forbids the issue by a Marriage Registrar of a certificate, by falsely representing himself to be a person whose consent to the marriage is required by law, knowing or believing such representation to be false, or not having reason to believe it to be true, shall be deemed guilty of the offence described in section two hundred and five of the Indian Penal Code.

68. Whoever, not being authorized under this Act to solemnize a marriage in the absence of a Marriage Registrar of the District in which such marriage is solemnized, knowingly solemnizes a marriage between persons one or both of whom is or are a Christian or Christians, shall be punished with imprisonment, which may extend to ten years, or (in lieu of a sentence of imprisonment for seven years or upwards) with transportation for a term of not less than seven years, and not exceeding ten years,

or, if the offender be an European or American, with penal servitude according to the provisions of Act No. XXIV of 1855 (*to substitute penal servitude for the punishment of transportation in respect of European and American convicts and to amend the law relating to the removal of such convicts*),

and shall also be liable to fine.

69. Whoever knowingly and wilfully solemnizes a marriage between persons one or both of whom is or are a Christian or Christians, at any time other than between the hours of six in the morning and seven in the evening, or in the absence of at least two credible witnesses other than the person solemnizing the marriage, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.

This section does not apply to marriages solemnized under special licenses granted by the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese or by his Commissary, nor to marriages performed between the hours of seven in the evening and six in the morning by a Clergyman of the Church of Rome, when he has received the general or special license in that behalf mentioned in section ten.

70. Any Minister of Religion licensed to solemnize marriages under this Act, who, without a notice in writing, or, when one of the parties to the marriage is a minor, and the required consent of the parents or guardians to such marriage has not been obtained, within fourteen days after the receipt by him of notice of such marriage, knowingly and wilfully solemnizes a marriage under Part III, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.

71. A Marriage Registrar under this Act, who commits any of the following offences:—

Issuing certificate, or marrying, without publication of notice;

marrying after expiry of certificate;

(1) knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate for marriage, or solemnizes any marriage, without publishing the notice of such marriage as directed by this Act;

(2) after the expiration of two months from the issue by him of a certificate in respect of any marriage solemnizes such marriage;

(3) solemnizes, without an order of a competent Court authorizing him to do so, any marriage when one of the parties is a minor, before the expiration of fourteen days after the receipt of the notice of such marriage, or without sending, by the post or otherwise, a copy of such notice to the Senior Marriage Registrar of the District if there be more Marriage Registrars of the District than one, and if he himself be not the Senior Marriage Registrar ;

issuing certificate against authorized prohibition ;

(4) issues any certificate the issue of which has been prohibited, as in this Act provided, by any person authorized to prohibit the issue thereof,

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, and shall also be liable to fine.

Issuing certificate after expiry of notice, or, in case of minor, within fourteen days after notice, or against authorized prohibition ;

72. Any Marriage Registrar knowingly and wilfully issuing any certificate for marriage after the expiration of three months after the notice has been entered by him as aforesaid,

or knowingly and wilfully issuing, without the order of a competent Court authorizing him so to do, any certificate for marriage,

where one of the parties intending marriage is a minor, before the expiration of fourteen days after the entry of such notice, or any certificate the issue of which has been forbidden as aforesaid by any person authorized in this behalf,

shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section one hundred and sixty-six of the Indian Penal Code.

Persons authorized to solemnize marriage (other than Clergy of Churches of England, Scotland, or Rome).

73. Whoever, being authorized under this Act to solemnize a marriage,

and not being a Clergyman of the Church of England, solemnizing a marriage after due publication of banns, or under a license from the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese or a Surrogate duly

authorized in that behalf,

or, not being a Clergyman of the Church of Scotland, solemnizing a marriage according to the rules, rites, ceremonies, and customs of that church,

or, not being a Clergyman of the Church of Rome, solemnizing a marriage according to the rites, rules, ceremonies, and customs of that church,

issuing certificate, or marrying without publishing notice,

knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate for marriage under this Act, or solemnizes any marriage between such persons as aforesaid, without publishing, or causing to be affixed, the notice of such marriage as directed in Part III of this Act, or after the expiration of two months after the certificate has been issued by him ;

or after expiry of certificate ;

or knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate for marriage, or solemnizes a marriage

issuing certificates for, or solemnizing marriage with minor, within fourteen days after notice.

between such persons when one of the persons intending marriage is a minor, before the expiration of fourteen days after the receipt of notice of such marriage, or without sending, by the post or otherwise, a copy of such notice to the Marriage Registrar, or, if there be more Marriage Registrars than one, to the Senior Marriage Registrar of the District ;

issuing certificate authorizedly forbidden ;

or knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate the issue of which has been forbidden under this Act, by any person authorized to forbid the issue ;

solemnizing marriage authorizedly forbidden ;

or knowingly and wilfully solemnizes any marriage forbidden by any person authorized to forbid the same,

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years, and shall also be liable to fine.

74. Whoever, not being licensed to grant a certificate of marriage under Part VI of this Act, grants such certificate, intending thereby to make it appear that he is so licensed, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, and shall also be liable to fine.

Unlicensed person granting certificate pretending to be licensed.

Destroying or falsifying register-books.

75. Whoever, by himself or another, wilfully destroys or injures any register-book or the counterfoil certificates thereof, or any part thereof, or any authenticated extract therefrom,

or falsely makes or counterfeits any part of such register-book or counterfoil certificates,

or wilfully inserts any false entry in any such register-book or counterfoil certificate or authenticated extract

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine.

Limitation of prosecutions under Act.

76. The prosecution for every offence punishable under this Act shall be commenced within two years after the offence is committed.

PART VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

What matters need not be proved in respect of marriage in accordance with Act.

77. Whenever any marriage has been solemnized in accordance with the provisions of sections four and five, it shall not be void merely on account of any irregularity in respect of any of the following matters, namely :—

(1).—Any statement made in regard to the dwelling of the persons married, or to the consent of any person whose consent to such marriage is required by law :

(2).—The notice of the marriage :

(3).—The certificate or translation thereof :

(4).—The time and place at which the marriage has been solemnized :

(5).—The registration of marriage.

78. Every person charged with the duty of registering any marriage, who discovers any errors in the form or substance of any such entry, may within one month next after the discovery of such error, in the presence of the persons married, or, in case of their death or absence, in the presence of two other credible witnesses, correct the error by entry in the margin, without any alteration of the original entry, and shall sign the marginal entry, and add thereto the date of such correction, and such person shall make the like marginal entry in the certificate thereof.

And every entry made under this section shall be attested by the witnesses in whose presence it was made.

And, in case such certificate has been already sent to the Secretary to the Local Government, such person shall make and send in like manner a separate certificate of the original erroneous entry, and of the marginal correction therein made.

Searches and copies of entries.

79. Every person solemnizing a marriage under this Act, and hereby required to register the same,

and every Marriage Registrar or Secretary to a Local Government having the custody for the time being of any register of marriages, or of any certificate or duplicate or copies of certificate under this Act,

shall, on payment of the proper fees, at all reasonable times, allow searches to be made in such register, or for such certificate, or duplicate or copies, and give a copy under his hand of any entry in the same.

80. Every certified copy, purporting to be signed by the person entrusted under this Act with the custody of any marriage-register or certificate, or duplicate, required to be kept or delivered under this Act, of any entry of a marriage in such register, or of any such certificate or duplicate, shall be received as evidence of the marriage purporting to be so entered, or of the facts purporting to be so certified therein, without further proof of such register or certificate, or duplicate, or of any entry therein, respectively, or of such copy.

Certified copy of entry in marriage-register, &c., to be evidence.

81. The Secretary to the Local Government and the officers appointed under section fifty-six shall, at the end of every quarter in each year, select from the certificates of marriages forwarded to them respectively during such quarter, the certificates of the marriages of which the Governor-General in Council may desire that evidence shall be transmitted to England, and shall send the same certificates, signed by them respectively, to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Secretary of State for India and delivered to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages :

Provided that, in the case of the Governments of Madras and Bombay, the said certificates shall be forwarded by such Governments respectively directly to the Secretary of State for India.

Local Government to
prescribe fees.

82. Fees shall be chargeable under this Act for—

receiving and publishing notices of marriages ;
issuing certificates of marriage by Marriage Registrars, and registering marriages by the same ;
entering protests against, or prohibitions of, the issue of marriage certificates by the said Registrars ;
searching register books or certificates, or duplicates, or copies thereof ;
giving copies of entries in the same under sections sixty-three and seventy-nine.
The Local Government shall fix the amount of such fees respectively,
and may from time to time vary or remit them either generally or in special cases, as to it may seem fit.

83. The Local Government may make rules in regard to the disposal of the fees mentioned in section eighty-two, the supply of register-books, and the preparation and submission of returns of marriages solemnized under this Act.

Power to make rules.

84. The powers conferred on the Local Government by sections eighty-two and eighty-three may, so far as regards Native States, be exercised by the Governor-General in Council.

Power to prescribe fees
and rules for Native States.

85. The Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare who shall, in any place to which this Act applies, be deemed to be the District Judge.

Power to declare who
shall be District Judge.

86. The powers and functions given by this Act to the Governor-General in Council may be delegated to and exercised by such officers as the Governor-General in Council from time to time appoints in this behalf.

Power to delegate func-
tions under this Act of
Governor-General in Coun-
cil.

And all such powers and functions may be exercised, as regards Native States situate within the local limits of the Presidencies of Fort Saint George and Bombay, by the Governors in Council of those Presidencies respectively.

87. Nothing in this Act applies to any marriage performed by any Minister, Consul, or Consular Agent, between subjects of the State which he represents and according to the laws of such State.

Saving of Consular
marriages.

88. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to validate any marriage which the personal law applicable to either of the parties forbids him or her to enter into.

Non-validation of mar-
riages within prohibited
degrees.

SCHEDULE I.

(See Sections 12 and 38.)

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE.

To a Minister [or Registrar] of

I hereby give you notice that a marriage is intended to be had, within three calendar months from the date hereof, between me and the other party hereinnamed and described (that is to say):—

Names.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Age.	Dwelling place.	Length of Residence.	Church, Chapel, or place of Worship in which the Marriage is to be solemnized.	District in which the other party resides, when the parties dwell in different districts.
<i>James Smith.</i>	<i>Widower.</i>	<i>Carpenter.</i>	<i>Of full age.</i>	<i>16, Clive Street.</i>	<i>23 days.</i>	<i>Free Church of Scotland Church, Calcutta.</i>	
<i>Martha Green.</i>	<i>Spinster.</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Minor.</i>	<i>20, Hastings Street.</i>	<i>More than a month.</i>		

Witness my hand, this

day of

(Signed) *seventy-two.*
JAMES SMITH.

[The *italics* in this schedule are to be filled up as the case may be, and the blank division thereof is only to be filled up when one of the parties lives in another district.]

SCHEDULE II.

(See Sections 24 and 50.)

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE.

I, _____ do hereby certify that, on the _____ day of _____, notice was duly entered in my Marriage Notice Book of the marriage intended between the parties therein named and described, delivered under the hand of _____, one of the parties (that is to say):—

Names.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Age.	Dwelling place.	Length of Residence.	Church, Chapel, or place of Worship in which the Marriage is to be solemnized	District in which the other party resides, when the parties dwell in different districts.
<i>James Smith.</i>	<i>Widower.</i>	<i>Carpenter.</i>	<i>Of full age.</i>	<i>16, Clive Street.</i>	<i>23 days.</i>	<i>Free Church of Scotland Church, Calcutta.</i>	
<i>Martha Green.</i>	<i>Spinster.</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Minor.</i>	<i>20, Hastings Street.</i>	<i>More than a month.</i>		

and that the declaration required by section seventeen or forty-one of "The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," has been duly made by the said (*James Smith*).

Date of notice entered. } The issue of this certificate has not been prohibited by any
Date of certificate given. } person authorized to forbid the issue thereof.

Witness my hand, this **day of** ***seventy-two.***

(Signed)

This certificate will be void, unless the marriage is solemnized on or before the day of

[The *italics* in the schedule are to be filled up as the case may be, and the blank division thereof is only to be filled up when one of the parties lives in another district.]

SCHEDULE III.

(See Section 28.)

FORM OF REGISTER OF MARRIAGES.

Quarterly Returns of Marriages for the Archdeaconry of { *Calcutta.*
Madrar.
Bombay.

I, _____, Registrar of the Archdeaconry of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Calcutta,} \\ \text{Madras,} \\ \text{Bombay,} \end{array} \right\}$ do hereby certify that the annexed are correct copies of the originals and Official Quarterly Returns of Marriage within the Archdeaconry of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Calcutta,} \\ \text{Madras,} \\ \text{Bombay,} \end{array} \right\}$ as made and transmitted to me for the quarter commencing the _____ day of _____ ending the _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord

[Signature of Registrar.]

Registrar of the Archdeaconry of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Calcutta.} \\ \text{Madras.} \\ \text{Bombay.} \end{array} \right.$

MARRIAGES solemnized at { *Allahabad,*
Barrackpore,
Bareilly,
Calcutta, &c., &c.

[illegible]

SCHEDULE IV.

(See Sections 32 and 54.)

MARRIAGE REGISTER BOOK.

Number.	When Married.	NAMES OF PARTIES.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of marriage.	Father's name and surname.
1	Day.	Month.	Year.	Christian Name.	Surname.			
				James ...	White ...			
				Martha ...	Duncan ...			
				26 years ...	Widower ...	Carpenter...	Agra ...	William White.
				17 years ...	Spinster ...	.....	Agra ...	John Duncan.

Married in the

This marriage was solemnized between us
 { James White } in the presence of us
 { Martha Duncan, }
 { John Smith, }
 { John Green. }

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

Number.	When Married.	NAMES OF PARTIES.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of marriage.	Father's name and surname.
1	Day.	Month.	Year.	Christian Name.	Surname.			
				James ...	White ...			
				Martha ...	Duncan ...			
				26 years ..	Widower ...	Carpenter...	Agra ...	William White.
				17 years ..	Spinster ...	.....	Agra ...	John Duncan.

Married in the

This marriage was solemnized between us
 { James White, } in the presence of us
 { Martha Duncan, }
 { John Smith, }
 { John Green. }

SCHEDULE V.

(See Section 2.)

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
Statute 58 Geo. 3, cap. 84.	An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages had and solemnized within the British Territories in India.	The whole.
Statute 14 & 15 Vic., cap. 40.	An Act for Marriages in India ...	The whole.
Act No. V of 1852	An Act for giving effect to the provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed in the 15th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for Marriages in India."	So much as has not been repealed.
Act No. V of 1865	The Indian Marriage Act, 1865 ...	The whole Act, except so far as it relates to the Straits Settlements.
Act No. XXII of 1866.	An Act to extend the Indian Marriage Act, 1865, to the Hyderabad Assigned Districts and the Cantonments of Secunderabad, Trimungerry and Aurungabad.	The whole.

THE INDIAN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACT, 1872.

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or after expiry of certificate;
issuing certificate for, or solemnizing, marriage with minor, within fourteen days after notice;
issuing certificate authorizably forbidden;
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ACT No. XVI.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 1st August 1872).

An Act for imposing a duty on certain spirits manufactured in British Burma.

Preamble. FOR the purpose of imposing a duty on spirits manufactured at distilleries in British Burma worked according to the English method ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be called “The Burma Spirit Duty Act, 1872.”

Local extent. It extends only to British Burma :

Commencement. It shall come into force on the passing thereof ;

Act to be read as part of Excise Act, 1871. And it shall be taken as part of the Excise Act, 1871.

2. A duty shall be levied on spirits manufactured at distilleries in British Burma worked according to the English method, at such rate per imperial gallon of the strength of London proof, not exceeding the highest rate of duty for the time being leviable in any other part of British India on similar spirits, as the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, from time to time notifies in the local official Gazette.

The duty leviable under this section shall be augmented or reduced in proportion to the strength of the spirits on which it is levied.

3. The provisions of the second and third clauses of section twenty-one of the Excise Act, 1871, shall apply to such spirits, as if, for the words “aforesaid duty,” the words “duty leviable under the Burma Spirit Duty Act, 1872,” were substituted.

4. All duties heretofore levied on such spirits shall be deemed to have been levied in accordance with law, and no suit or other proceeding shall be maintained against any officer or other person in respect of any such levy.

ACT No. XVII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 19th August 1872).

An Act for postponing the day on which the Code of Criminal Procedure is to come into force.

WHEREAS the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act No. X of 1872), section one, enacts that the said Code shall come into force on the 1st day of September 1872: And whereas it is expedient to postpone the day on which such Code shall come into force; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Criminal Procedure Code
to take effect on 1st January 1873.

1. The said Act No. X of 1872 shall come into force, not on the first day of September 1872, but on the first day of January 1873.

ACT No. XVIII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 29th August 1872).

An Act to amend the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Preamble.	WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Indian Evidence Act, 1872; It is hereby enacted as follows:—
Short title.	1. This Act may be called "The Indian Evidence Act Amendment Act";
Commencement.	And it shall come into force on the passing thereof.
Amendment of Act I of 1872, section 32, clauses 5 and 6.	2. In section thirty-two of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, clauses five and six, after the word "relationship," the words "by blood, marriage or adoption" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 41.	3. In section forty-one of the same Act, lines seventeen, twenty and twenty-three, after the word "judgment," the words "order or decree" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 45.	4. In section forty-five of the same Act, line five, after the word "art," the words "or in questions as to identity of hand-writing" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 57.	5. In section fifty-seven of the same Act, paragraph (13), after the word "road," the words "on land or at sea" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 66.	6. In section sixty-six of the same Act, line five, after the word "is," the words "or to his attorney or pleader" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 91.	7. In section ninety-one of the same Act, Exception 2, for the words "under the Indian Succession Act," the words "admitted to probate in British India" shall be substituted.
Amendment of section 92.	8. In section ninety-two of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, proviso (1), for the words "want of failure," the words "want or failure" shall be substituted.
Amendment of section 108.	9. In section one hundred and eight of the same Act, line one, for the word "When," the words "Provided that when" shall be substituted; and, in the last line, for the word "on," the words "shifted to" shall be substituted.
Amendment of sections 126 and 128.	10. In section one hundred and twenty-six of the same Act, line twenty-two, and in section one hundred and twenty-eight of the same Act, line six, after the word "barrister," the word "pleader" shall be inserted.
Amendment of section 155.	In section one hundred and twenty-six of the same Act, line fifteen, for the word "criminal," the word "illegal" shall be substituted.
Saving of Act XV of 1872, section 12.	11. In section one hundred and fifty-five of the same Act, paragraph (2), for the word "had," the word "accepted" shall be substituted.
	12. Nothing in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, shall be deemed to affect Act No. XV of 1852 (<i>to amend the Law of Evidence</i>), section twelve.

ACT No. XIX.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 29th August 1872).

An Act to amend the definition of 'Coin' contained in the Indian Penal Code.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the definition of 'coin' contained in the Indian Penal Code, section two hundred and thirty; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Preamble.
Amendment of section
230, Act XLV of 1860.

1. For the first paragraph of the said section, the following shall be substituted :

" 230. Coin is metal used for the time being as money, and stamped and issued by the authority of some State or Sovereign Power in order to be so used."

ACT No. XX.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 5th September 1872).

An Act to amend Act No. V of 1872.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Act No. V of 1872 *(to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of the High Court of Bombay over the Province of Sind)* ;

Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Sections added to Act V of 1872.

1. The said Act shall be construed as if the following sections were added thereto :—

Saving of Act XXIV of 1867.

“2. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the Administrator-General’s Act, 1867.

Saving of probates and administrations.

“3. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to invalidate the grant of any probate or letters of administration heretofore or hereafter made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, or to affect the rights, powers or duties of any executor or administrator under, or by virtue of, any such probate or letters.

Saving of High Court’s criminal jurisdiction over European British subjects.

“4. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the criminal jurisdiction of the said High Court so far as regards European British subjects of Her Majesty.”

ACT No. XXI.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 5th September 1872).

An Act to facilitate the admission of Native Military Lunatics into Asylums.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the admission of Native Military Lunatics into Asylums; It is hereby enacted as follows:—
Short title. 1. This Act may be called "The Native Military Lunatics' Act, 1872."

Extent. It extends to the whole of British India and, so far as regards subjects of Her Majesty, to the dominions of Native Princes and States in India in alliance with Her Majesty;

Commencement. And it shall come into force on the passing thereof.

2. Whenever any Native officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier appears to be insane, the officer commanding the regiment or detachment to which he belongs shall report the case to the general officer commanding the division or district, or force, in which such regiment or detachment is serving.

Report of insanity of Native officer or soldier.
3. Such general officer shall thereupon cause the said Native to be examined by a committee composed of at least two medical officers, or (if this be impracticable) by a regimental committee comprising the officer in command of the wing or squadron to which the Native belongs, and the medical officer in charge of the corps or detachment of which such wing or squadron forms part.

Examination of Native.
4. If the said committee or regimental committee (as the case may be) are satisfied that the Native is insane, the officer commanding the division or district or force, may, if he thinks fit, make an order, under his hand, for the reception of the said Native into a Lunatic Asylum, and shall then send him thither under military escort;

Order for reception in Asylum.
and the officer in charge of such Asylum shall receive the Native into the Asylum and detain him therein until he is discharged therefrom in accordance with the local military regulations in force for the time being.

Reception and detention in Asylum.
5. The pay-master of the military circle within which any such Asylum is situate shall pay to the officer in charge of such Asylum the expense of the lodging, maintenance, clothing and medicine of every Native so received and detained.

Expenses of lunatic.
6. All Native officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers heretofore received into Lunatic Asylums shall be deemed to have been so received in accordance with law.

Legalization of past admissions of Native lunatic officers and soldiers.

ACT No. XXII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 13th September 1872.)

An Act to explain and amend Act No. X of 1859.

WHEREAS it has been the practice for the Local Government or the Collectors of Districts to invest persons not being Deputy Collectors with all or some of the powers of Deputy Collectors for the purposes of Acts No. X of 1859 and No. XIV of 1863 :

And whereas it has been the practice for all or some of the Deputy Collectors and of the persons invested as aforesaid to exercise the powers of Deputy Collectors in charge of subdivisions of districts or of Assistants to Collectors invested by Government with the powers of Deputy Collectors :

And whereas many suits have been preferred and applications made to, and orders made and acts done by, such Deputy Collectors and other persons in the exercise of such powers :

And whereas doubts have been raised as to the legality of such practices and as to the jurisdiction to entertain such suits and applications and to make and do such orders and acts ;

For the purpose of precluding such doubts ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. All Deputy Collectors and all persons heretofore or hereafter so invested with powers shall be deemed to have been or to be (as the case may be) Deputy Collectors in charge of subdivisions of districts within the meaning of the said Acts No. X of 1859 and No. XIV of 1863 or Assistants to Collectors invested with the powers of Deputy Collectors in such charge.

2. All such suits shall be deemed to have been and to be as duly preferred, and all such applications, orders and acts shall be deemed to have been and to be as duly made and done, as if the said Deputy Collectors and other persons had been Deputy Collectors in charge of subdivisions of districts within the meaning of the said Acts No. X of 1859 and No. XIV of 1863.

And no order or act heretofore or hereafter made or done as aforesaid by any such person shall be held invalid merely because the suit in which such order was made or act done has not been preferred in the place prescribed by the said Act No. X of 1859, section one hundred and sixty-two.

3. The Local Government, or any officers empowered by the Local Government on this behalf, may, from time to time, by order define and adjust the local areas over which the persons exercising the powers of Deputy Collectors in charge of subdivisions of districts shall exercise their jurisdiction.

Such local areas shall be deemed to be subdivisions of districts within the meaning of the said Act No. X of 1859.

4. In this Act and Acts Nos. X of 1859 and XIV of 1863, "Collector" includes also a Deputy Commissioner and every person in the chief revenue charge of any district.

Interpretation of "Collector."

Short title.	5. This Act may be called "The Act X of 1859 Amendment Act, 1872:"
Local extent.	It extends only to the territories respectively under the government of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces and under the administration of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces ;
Commencement.	And it shall come into force on the passing thereof.

ACT No. XXIII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 25th September 1872.)

An Act for regulating the re-importation into British territory of goods cleared at Rangoon for the territory of the King of Ava.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the re-importation into British territory of goods cleared at Rangoon for the territory of the King of Ava, under the provisions of Act IV of 1863 (to give effect to certain provisions of a treaty between His Excellency the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Viceroy and Governor-General of India, and His Majesty the King of Burma); It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. In this Act,—“Political Agent” denotes any officer appointed by the Governor-General in Council to reside as representative of the British Government at Maudalay, Bhámu, or any other town within the territories of the King of Ava;

and “Master” includes any person in charge of a Native boat.

2. Whoever desires to re-import into British territory goods previously exported from Rangoon to the territories of the King of Ava, must obtain from the Political Agent a certificate in the form set forth in the schedule hereto annexed.

Such certificate shall be made out in duplicate: the original shall be handed to the owner or shipper of the goods, and the duplicate shall be forwarded to the Master of the vessel in which the goods are intended to be shipped.

3. All goods protected by such certificate shall be delivered by the Master of the vessel in which they are shipped, to the Collector of Customs at Thayetmyo, or Rangoon, or at any other station in British territory on the Irrawaddy, as may be directed in the certificate aforesaid;

and such Collector shall retain the goods until the difference between the duty of one per centum *ad valorem*, and the duty which they would have been liable to pay if cleared for home consumption when originally imported by sea, is paid to him, together with any incidental expenses incurred in removing and storing the same.

4. Should no application regarding the said goods be made to the Collector within one week after they have come into his possession, he shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in the local Gazette, notifying that, if the said goods are not cleared within one month from the date of such notice, they will be sold and the proceeds applied, in the first place, to pay all expenses of the sale, and then all dues and charges owing to Government in respect of the said goods.

The surplus (if any) shall be held to the credit of the owner of the said goods.

5. Any Master of a vessel failing to deliver to the Collector, as provided in section three, any goods protected by a Political Agent's certificate, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one thousand rupees.

Such penalty shall be adjudged after a summary proceeding by any Collector of Customs; but his adjudication shall be subject to appeal to the Commissioner of the Division.

ACT No. XXIV.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 25th September 1872.)

An Act to repeal Bombay Regulation XIII of 1827, section thirty-four, clause nine.

WHEREAS it is expedient to render the practice relating to the payment of subsistence-allowances to witnesses in the Courts of Subordinate Magistrates uniform throughout British India: And whereas it is necessary, for that purpose, to repeal Bombay Regulation XIII of 1827 to the extent hereinafter mentioned; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Bombay Regulation XIII
of 1827, section 34, clause 9,
repealed.

1. Bombay Regulation XIII of 1827 (*for defining the Constitution of Courts of Criminal Justice, and the Functions and Proceedings thereof*), section thirty-four, clause nine, is repealed.

ACT No. XXV.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 12th October 1872.)

An Act to give the force of law to certain Rules relating to Salt in the Panjáb.

WHEREAS certain Rules for the realization and protection of the revenue derived from the Salt Mines in the Sind Ságar Doáb and at Kálábágh prepared by the late Board of Administration for the Affairs of the Panjáb were, on the twenty-ninth day of May 1851, approved by the Governor-General, and, under the Indian Councils' Act, 1861, received the force of law: And whereas the said Rules were repealed by the Panjáb Laws' Act, 1872, and such repeal took effect on the first day of June 1872: And whereas it is expedient, pending the passage of an Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Inland Customs, to revive and continue such Rules with the modifications hereinafter mentioned; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. The said Rules shall have, and shall, from the said first day of June 1872, be deemed to have had the force of law, subject to the following modifications (that is to say):

(a.) In Rule 2, for the figure and words "(2) two rupees," the words "three rupees, one anna" shall be substituted;

(b.) In Rule 3, after the word "Panjáb," the words "that may from time to time be determined by the Local Government" shall be inserted;

(c.) In Rule 8, for the words "the Jhelum Division," the words "Commissioner of Inland Customs" shall be substituted;

(d.) In Rule 17, for the words "Board of Administration," the words "Lieutenant-Governor of the Panjáb" shall be substituted;

(e.) In Rule 21, for the last twenty words, the following words shall be substituted (that is to say): "alimentary salt illegally manufactured or imported;"

(f.) To Rule 22, the following words shall be added (that is to say): "and may from time to time be altered by like notification;"

(g.) In Rule 24, for the last twenty-eight words, the words "Inland Customs" shall be substituted;

(h.) In Rule 26, for the words "in charge of the Preventive Line," the words "of the Division" shall be substituted; and for the words "salt is not the produce of the Sind Ságar or Kálábágh Mines," the words "possession of the salt is prohibited by paragraph 21" shall be substituted;

(i.) In Rule 30, for the words "but that obtained from the Sind Ságar Mines or from Kálábágh," the words "the possession of which is prohibited by paragraph 21" shall be substituted.

ACT No. XXVI.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 12th October 1872.)

An Act to amend the Law relating to Opium in the Panjáb.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to opium in the Panjáb; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be called "The Panjáb Opium Law Amendment Act, 1872:"

Local extent. It extends only to the territories under the government of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Panjáb:

Commencement. And it shall come into force on the first day of January 1873.

'Opium' defined. 2. In this Act and in the Panjáb Laws' Act, 1872, "opium" includes also poppy-heads and all intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy.

3. Wherever in the said territories an acreage duty is for the time being leviable on the cultivation of the poppy, sections fifteen, nineteen, sixty-two, sixty-five and sixty-six of the Excise Act, 1871, shall have no effect so far as they restrict, directly or indirectly, the sale of opium grown within the said territories, or prohibit the possession or sale of such opium by persons other than licensed vendors.

4. In prosecutions under the said sections respectively, it shall be assumed, until the contrary is proved, that the opium in respect of which an offence is alleged to have been committed has been grown without the said territories.

5. Whenever any rule made by the Local Government under the Panjáb Laws' Act, 1872, and relating to the growth, sale or possession of opium, is broken, the opium in respect of which the breach is committed shall be liable to confiscation.

ACT No. XXVII.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 31st December 1872.)

An Act for postponing the day on which the Code of Criminal Procedure is to come into force in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS Act No. XVII of 1872 provides that the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act No. X of 1872) shall come into force throughout British India on the first day of January 1873: And whereas the translation of the said Code into the Sindhi language has not been completed, and it is therefore expedient to postpone the day on which the said Code shall come into force in the Province of Sindh: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble, India on the first day of January 1873: And whereas the translation of the said Code into the Sindhi language has not been completed, and it is therefore expedient to postpone the day on which the said Code shall come into force in the Province of Sindh: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Commencement of Code of Criminal Procedure in Sindh. 1. In the Province of Sindh the said Code shall come into force, not on the first day of January 1873, but on the first day of April 1873.

